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England pay the final penalty

By JOHN GOODBODY AND ADRIAN LEE

ENGLAND slipped out of the European football championship amid frustration and profound disappointment last night, when Germany won their Wembley semi-final on penalties.

On a night of intense drama, England were deprived of victory in the cruellest possible fashion. After the first five players from each side had scored from their penalties, Gareth Southgate had his shot saved by Andreas Koepke. Andy Moller then scored to give Germany victory. The two teams had finished 1-1 after extra time.

The result was a massive blow to Terry Venables in what proved to be his last game as England coach, and Germany will now meet the Czech Republic, surprise winners over France, in the final at Wembley on Sunday.

The most celebrated sports event to be staged in Britain since England's 4-2 World



England players and supporters celebrating after Alan Shearer (arms raised) headed the first goal last night to consolidate his position as the tournament's top scorer

All quiet on the West End front

By STEPHEN FARRELL, KATHRYN KNIGHT AND JOANNA BALE

ENGLAND'S rush-hour streets and railway stations emptied into pubs and living rooms last night as an estimated 20 million viewers gathered in front of their televisions to watch the Euro 96 semi-final.

By 7.30pm, a calm descended on the thoroughfares of London, punctuated by shouts and cheers from pubs full of workers who had secured an early exit from the office to save their viewing seats.

If you could not see the match, you could hear it on radios, blaring commentary from taxis sporting red and white streamers, newsagents and pizza parlours.

On The Strand, normally packed bumper-to-bumper by 7.30 on a weekday night, a few lonely looking cars whizzed past. At the Adelphi Theatre, showing *Sunset Boulevard*, returns were snapped up by American and Australian tourists.

In the City, even the Tube was quiet as workers left in packs at 5.30 and went straight to the nearest pub. Gavin Race, a 25-year-old banker, said, "Most of the managers left for 'meetings' at 4 o'clock to check out France v Czechoslovakia. The underlings had to stay behind but we were out on the dot at 5.30."

Pubs reported a roaring trade, offering half time snacks bookable before the match.

At Wembley, fans left the championships when rain stopped play for half an hour at 6pm and never returned. Screens at the All England Club relayed tennis matches and results as usual, while announcers were briefed not to mention the football score.



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Cup victory over West Germany in 1966, seemed to bring the country to a standstill as an estimated 26 million television viewers watched the game at home or in pubs which had laid on a celebratory evening.

The match is expected to have been a record for any sports event televised in Britain, breaking the previous highest figure of 25.2 million, when England met West Germany in the World Cup semi-final in Turin in 1990, when England lost on a penalty shoot-out.

Viewers included the Prime Minister — who was hoping for a "thumping England win" — and Prince William — all boys at Eton were given special permission to watch last night. Engineers at the

National Grid in Wokingham also watched to adjust the electricity supply to cope with the sudden surges.

Among the celebrities who arrived at Wembley through the North London traffic jams, were Pele and Henry Kissinger, the former US Secretary of State. Both had bodyguards to escort them to their seats.

The vibrant 76,000-strong crowd was rewarded with an evenly-balanced game, which was perfectly in the historical

context of the sharply-edged matches between the two countries.

England had got exactly the start they wanted: a goal after only three minutes. Alan Shearer headed home his fifth goal of the tournament after Tony Adams had flicked a Paul Gascoigne corner into the goalmouth. However, the Germans, who were without their first-choice strikers Jurgen Klinsmann and Fredi Bobic through injury, equal-

ised after 16 minutes when Stefan Kuntz outprinted Stuart Pearce to convert a curling cross from defender Thomas Helmer.

England dominated the pace of the game and came desperately close to scoring several times in extra time, particularly when Darren Anderton hit the post.

Despite the fervour of the occasion, there were no early reports of trouble between rival supporters, who had

clashed so often when the tournament was held in Germany in 1988. The Metropolitan Police reported only ten arrests, none of them for violence. However, the Euro 96 Intelligence Unit also arrested a German tout as he was preparing to resell 300 seats in his London hotel. Tours were asking up to £300 for a £50 seat before the game.

The Czech Republic upset France in the other semi-final, which was played in front of

43,877 spectators at Old Trafford yesterday afternoon. France, winners of the tournament in 1984 and unbeaten in their previous 27 internationals, lost on a penalty shoot-out after the two teams had drawn 0-0 after extra time.

The Czechs had not been expected to beat the French, let alone to reach the final. They had been 80-1 outsiders to win the championship earlier this month and now face the pre-tournament favourites.

Support for the Tories hits three-year peak

By PETER RIDDELL

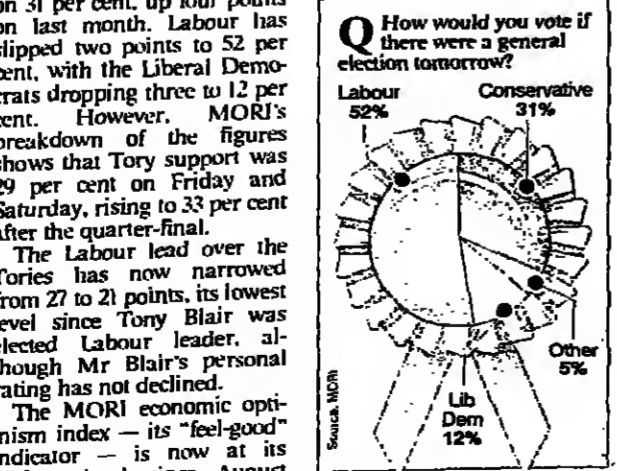
ENGLAND'S Euro 96 victory over Spain last Saturday was followed by a sharp rise in support for the Conservatives to the highest level for three years, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

The poll, undertaken over last weekend, puts the Tories

on 31 per cent, up four points on last month. Labour has slipped two points to 52 per cent, with the Liberal Democrats dropping three to 12 per cent. However, MORI's breakdown of the figures shows that Tory support was 29 per cent on Friday and Saturday, rising to 33 per cent after the quarter-final.

The Labour lead over the Tories has now narrowed from 21 to 21 points, its lowest level since Tony Blair was elected Labour leader, although Mr Blair's personal rating has not declined.

The MORI economic optimism index — its "feel-good" indicator — is now at its highest level since August 1994, the Government's approval rating is its best since August 1992 and John Major's personal approval rating is the highest since January 1993 — although all are still in minus numbers.



MORI interviewed 1,846 adults at 144 word sampling points on June 21 to 24. Voting intention figures exclude 10% who say they would not vote, 7% who are undecided and 3% who refused to say.

Saudis put up £1.75m reward

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

SAUDI ARABIA yesterday offered an unprecedented reward of \$2.7 million (£1.75 million) for information leading to the capture of the terrorists responsible for Tuesday night's truck bomb, which killed at least 19 American servicemen and injured hundreds more.

Middle East diplomats said it was the largest reward ever put up in an attempt to solve a terrorist attack. Although there was no immediate claim of responsibility, the perpetrators are thought to have been Islamic fundamentalists opposed to western influence in the kingdom. President Weizman of Israel claimed that Iran was involved.

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Journalist killed in 'revenge' shooting

By AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

AN IRISH woman journalist investigating drug barons and the Dublin underworld was shot dead yesterday in a gangland-style killing.

It is believed that Veronica Guerin, 33, an award-winning reporter with the *Sunday Independent*, was killed by criminals she had written about.

Ms Guerin, who was married with a six-year-old son, was returning from a court case at lunchtime yesterday. As she stopped at traffic lights on the outskirts of Dublin two men on a motorbike with false plates pulled up beside her. The pillion passenger got off the bike and shot at her through the driver's window. She died almost immediately.

Police said she was murdered by professionals but ruled out any paramilitary involvement. They were yesterday searching for a south Dublin gang.

Most of her work focused on Dublin criminals involved in drugs and major theft. She described their work, family life and personal finance.

In 1994, she wrote about a man named The Monk and his involvement in a £3 million robbery, the largest in the Irish Republic. Shortly after the article she was shot in the leg by a masked intruder who burst into her home. She has also written in detail about a south Dublin figure called The Walrus who is one of the top five drug dealers in the country.

Aengus Fanning, the editor of the *Sunday Independent*, said Ms Guerin had refused 24-hour police protection after the 1995 shooting.

"She insisted on her freedom to do her job. Armed only with her pen, that is what she set out to do," Mr Fanning said.

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Parkhurst escape 'was intended to embarrass Howard'

BY LIN JENKINS

THE escape of three convicted murderers from Parkhurst jail last year was intended to cause maximum embarrassment to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, a court was told yesterday.

The prosecution said that Keith Rose, 46, jailed for life in 1991, claimed later that, once out, he intended to publicise his campaign against Mr Howard's decision to increase the amount of time he

would have to spend in jail. Rose had added that the IRA breakout from Whiteknave four months earlier was his inspiration. The three prisoners identified and exploited weaknesses in security, making a duplicate pass key and a ladder without being detected.

Rose and Anthony Rodger, 46, jailed for life for murder by the Old Bailey in 1987, deny breaking out of Parkhurst in January 1995. They claim they acted only after the Government changed the rules and

lengthened their sentences. Rodger suffered post-traumatic stress disorder and contemplated suicide after his 12-year tariff was increased to 17. Rose learnt that instead of serving a minimum of 17 years, he would never be released.

Anthony Davis, for the prosecution, at Woolwich Crown Court, southeast London, said that Rodger, Rose and a third inmate, Matthew Williams, all of whom were on D-wing, planned for weeks before their escape on January 3. For five days

they evaded capture on the Isle of Wight, but failed to start two light aircraft at Sandown airfield and flee the island. Most of their time on the run was spent in a dilapidated gazebo in a garden in Ryde.

Mr Davis said that Rose and Williams had already made a duplicate key when they approached Rodger, a good welder, to make the ladder in the vocational training centre. On the evening of the escape the three were among 31 prisoners attending a gym session.

Others at the session "were obviously and clearly obstructive" to prison officers and were slow to leave, Mr Davis said. The three had time to unlock the rear door and enter the workshop, where the ladder had been hidden. They cut a hole in the interior fence and used the ladder to scale the 14ft outer wall.

They were caught after being spotted by Chris Jones, an off-duty prison officer, who recognised the walk of the men.

Rodger said that he suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and only the prospect of escape stopped him committing suicide. The disorder had been caused by Mr Howard's decision to increase the tariff on his sentence.

Roger Price, defending Rose, said he learnt in 1994 that his tariff had been superseded and a decision taken that he should never be released. "His defence is that he acted as a result of duress of circumstances." The trial continues.

Hamilton 'sexually abused boy, 12, on boat'

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE first claim that the gunman Thomas Hamilton sexually abused a young boy came on the twenty-first day of the Dunblane inquiry yesterday when an anonymous witness statement alleging an attack by Hamilton was read to Lord Cullen.

In it a man told how, as a twelve-year-old schoolboy, he was abused on Hamilton's boat on Loch Lomond during a ten-day trip with about seven other boys. The witness said Hamilton summoned him to his cabin and sexually abused him one night as he lay "frozen with fear".

Before the statement was read, Ian Bonomy, QC, senior Crown counsel who is leading the evidence, said that details of the statement could not be corroborated. The man who made it had a conviction for a serious crime of dishonesty, he said.

The man said he attended the Rovers Group run by the killer in Bannockburn, Strirling. In the summer a trip was organised to Loch Lomond for about eight boys. He had been particularly frightened on the trip when Hamilton had thrown boys off the boat with a rope tied round them. He had pretended to be ill and stayed in his cabin.

"That night I was told to report to Hamilton's cabin. I only had on my underpants. He had a sort of telescopic pointer device he used to point at a map or a chart and he was pointing it at me and he told me 'I'd better behave'.

"He began to touch me between my legs and my private parts and I was very scared. I started to cry. He told me to stop crying or I would be hit with the pointer."

The man said he was ordered to lie face down on the bed by Hamilton who was dressed only in shorts. It was then that the attack took place. Afterwards he was allowed to go.

"It has affected me badly and has always troubled me," he said. The next day he phoned his mother and asked to come home saying he was homesick. He did not tell her about the attack.

Family of victim says manslaughter verdict undervalues life of promising young officer

Jury finds police killer not guilty on murder charge

BY STEWART TENDLER AND EMMA WILKINS

THE family of a trainee police officer whose career was cut short by a Jamaican gunman yesterday expressed outrage that his killer was found not guilty of murder.

PC Phillip Walters, a 28-year-old probationer, was shot through the heart by Ray Lee after being called to investigate a "domestic incident" at a house in Ilford, Essex.

Lee, 30, a suspected member of a Yardie drugs gang whose true identity remains hidden behind a string of aliases, was found guilty of the manslaughter of PC Walters by the jury at the Old Bailey. He was cleared of murder. He had claimed in his defence that his Smith and Wesson revolver had gone off inadvertently during a struggle with PC Walters and his partner PC Derek Shepherd, 35.



PC Phillip Walters with Helen Rossiter

After Lee was jailed for a total of 18 years by Judge Goddard, the victim's family and friends condemned the 10-2 majority verdict. Helen Rossiter, his girlfriend, said that if she had been a police officer she would have resigned in disgust at the jury's verdict.

"Phillip was a very brave person and he was totally devoted to his job as a policeman," she said. "He had been undervalued in the judicial process. I don't think any member of the public should expect an answer to a distress

stood by ready to handcuff him once he had been brought under control. Lee resisted and there was a struggle between the pair during which Lee's gun was fired twice. One bullet grazed PC Shepherd's knee and then hit PC Walters in the chest. A second shot gave PC Shepherd a flesh wound.

PC Shepherd told the court: "I just saw a flash and heard a bang and saw sparks. I felt a burning sensation in my right knee and thought he had shot me. I saw PC Walters was holding his chest."

After the second shot, the officer managed to get his hand on the gun. He said: "He had fired twice already, so I managed to get my hand on the hammer. I tried to take his finger off the trigger with my index finger but I did not succeed."

But Peter Feinberg, QC, defending Lee, suggested that PC Shepherd had blocked out the "tragedy" and that it was he who actually pulled the trigger. Mr Feinberg said: "It was your firing of that gun which caused the death of PC Walters."

PC Shepherd replied: "I am positive I did not."

After his arrest Lee was found to have seven identities and three passports. He claimed to be born in Trinidad but is thought to have come from Jamaica and to have entered Britain illegally two years ago. He showed no emotion as he was sentenced



PC Walters' father Colin and his half-sister Laura at the press conference yesterday where he attacked the sentence

to eight years for charges relating to the incident inside the house and ten years for the manslaughter of PC Walters. After his release, Lee will be deported.

His victim was a promising probationary policeman who was a former flight supervisor with British Midland. PC Walters, from Hertfordshire, had joined the Metropolitan Police 18 months earlier and won the police training school's baton of honour as the outstanding graduate of his year. A martial arts expert, he had previously arrested a robber knowing a gun had been used in the crime.

After his death Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said the officer had been "one of life's achievers".

Case of the jury from hell

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

OLD Bailey officials and lawyers greeted the end of the second Ray Lee trial yesterday with relief. They remember the collapse of the first trial and the six men and six women nicknamed "the jury from hell".

The jury, drawn from east London and the Catford area of south London, earned the title after a series of incidents which led Judge Michael Coombe, 65, to remark he had never experienced anything similar in a lifetime at the Bar and on the bench.

Two jurors were reported to

be embracing outside the court but the real problems began once the jury retired. First there was a dispute about smoking in the jury room. On the third day, the court discovered the jury had yet to complete reviewing the evidence. A series of anonymous notes revealed that one juror would not listen to the arguments of the others. Another refused to stay in the jury room with the complainant.

Judge Coombe told them no juror could refuse to take part. After three-quarters of an hour the foreman came back to report most of the jury could continue but someone

was still undecided. Later the jury announced that they could continue but one needed to see a doctor and another needed a prescription. The judge said the jury could have the rest of the day off but eventually they announced they could continue. As they prepared to finish for the day, however, they asked to be sent to a hotel with a gymnasium.

On the fourth day Judge Coombe gave the jury a majority direction to try to break the deadlock. One young juror fainted. After five days, the foreman announced that his colleagues were completely divided and the jury was dismissed.

Father seeks fresh inquiry into deaths

THE father of a young soldier killed along with two colleagues in Bosnia demanded yesterday a fresh inquiry into their deaths after an inquest jury disagreed with the findings of an Army inquest.

The three men died when their Saxon armoured personnel carrier rolled out of control on a narrow track and tumbled down the side of a mountain. Privates Christopher Turner, Philip Armstrong and Martin Dowdell were serving in the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment as part of the British peacekeeping force guarding the Muslim enclave at Goradze.

A jury returned verdicts of accidental death at an inquest in Salisbury. An Army board of inquiry had recorded the cause of the accident in September 1994 as driver error.

However, the inquest jury foreman told David Masters, the Wiltshire coroner: "We didn't consider the driving skills of Private Dowdell to be in any way inadequate."

Geoffrey Armstrong, father of Philip, said after the hearing: "The verdict was predictable... But we feel the vehicle they were using was inappropriate." He said he would be trying to have the internal board of inquiry either reopened or reconvened.

French port censured over beaching of Channel ferry

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A CHANNEL ferry that beached near Calais with 250 passengers and crew on board was forced to wait close to the shore in gale-force winds after being given inadequate instructions by the French harbour authorities.

The official investigation into the grounding of the *Stena Challenger* last September blamed slack monitoring of ship movements at Calais and poor navigation by the ship's officers. The vessel was left stranded at Bliert-Plage for 22 hours before being rescued by tugs without

injuries. The report from the Government's Marine Accident Investigation Branch criticised the "lax attitude to fundamental navigational practice" by the ship's officers, who had allowed the vessel to veer too close to the shore.

However, the accident could have been avoided if the Calais authorities had given clearer instructions to the bridge. Officers were only told that another ferry, the *Pride of Burgundy*, was about the leave harbour as they made their final approach.

As a result, the *Stena Chal-*

lenger was forced to wait for 17 minutes outside the harbour in a force-eight northeasterly gale which blew it onto the beach.

The report urged the French Government to improve surveillance of ships at Calais. "Because the number of ferry movements is expected to increase from its present level of 50 to, maybe, as many as 78 a day in 1996, it is considered important that Calais Port Authority develops the potential to direct all traffic more positively than at present," it said.

Official's snap decision saves Prince's blushes

BY NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A CAREFULLY choreographed photograph of the Prince of Wales standing on the Giant's Causeway as the Royal Yacht *Britannia* steamed past was rescued from disaster yesterday by a quick-witted member of his staff. Weeks of planning to provide tourism chiefs with the picture of their dreams were nearly thrown away when the Prince's late arrival meant that *Britannia* had sailed by before he arrived.

Nervous members of the Prince's staff watched helplessly from the shore as the

crew of the *Britannia*, accompanied by her escort ship *HMS Glasgow*, sailed past the Causeway from west to east, unaware that the Prince was behind schedule.

As local dignitaries kicked their heels on the Causeway, a member of his staff frantically tried to contact the crew on his mobile telephone. The official eventually alerted the ship, which managed to turn round and sail back just in time. *Britannia* and *HMS Glasgow* duly sailed past the Causeway from east to west as the Prince settled into the Causeway's

"Wishing Chair". "Thank God for my mobile," the official said after scores of photographers recorded the historic moment.

The Prince was fascinated by the extraordinary rock formation, which has been declared a World Heritage Site, as he clambered over the six-sided basalt columns.

The Prince then followed tradition by wiggling as he made a wish in the "Wishing Chair", a natural formation on the rocks.

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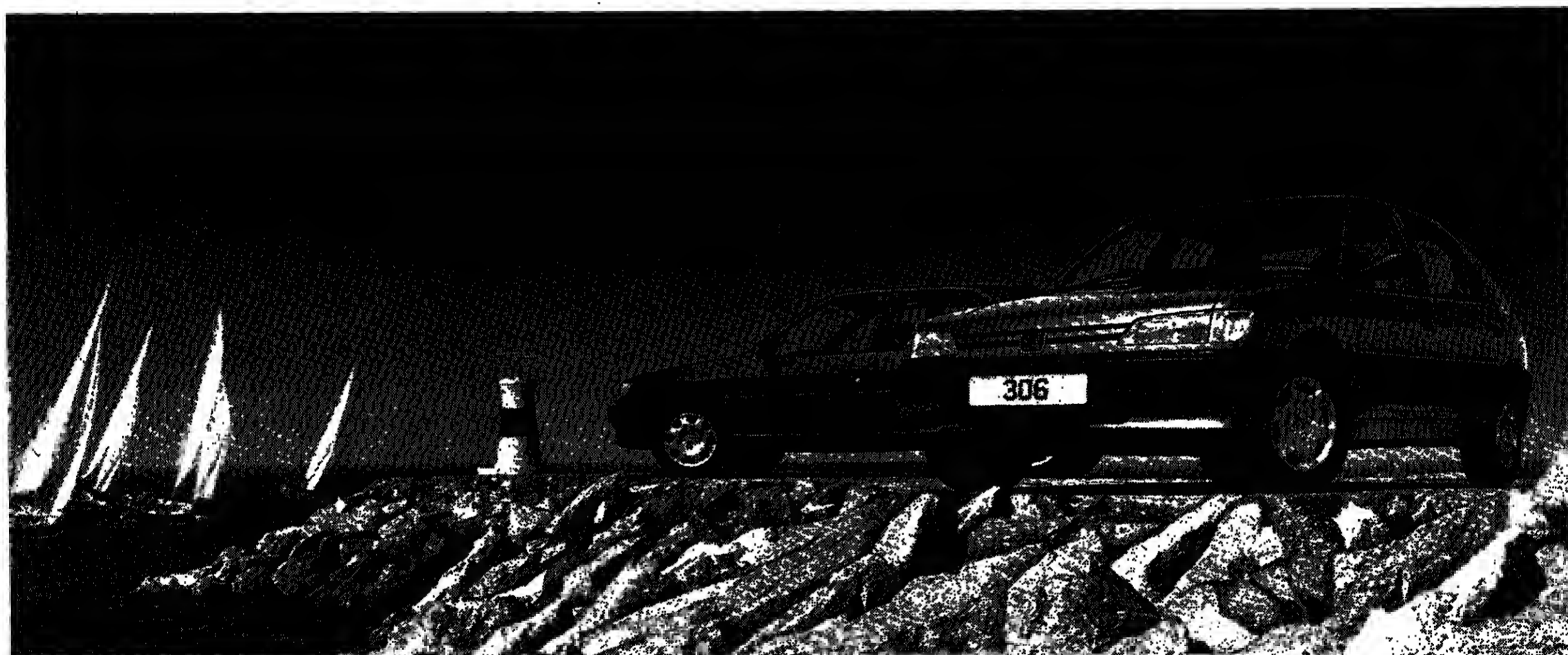
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Little girl 'murdered at end of a perfect day'

By KATE ALDERSON

A GIRL aged seven, abducted from a tent in her uncle's garden after spending a perfect summer's day with her family, was murdered in a crime "which almost defies belief", a court was told yesterday.

Sophie Hook had travelled with her family to Llandudno in North Wales last July to celebrate her cousin's ninth birthday with a family barbecue, games of charades and a camp fire.

Chester Crown Court was told that a "glorious hot summer's day" ended with Sophie camping with her sister and cousin in the fenced back garden of her uncle Danny Jones's house, Gerard Elias QC, for the prosecution, said the small girl - she was 4ft 11in tall - had settled down for the night in her sleeping bag when Howard Hughes stole into the tent and took her.

The 31-year-old unemployed gardener strangled her and threw her body in the sea, Mr Elias said. Mr Hughes, a single man who lived with his mother in Colwyn Bay, denies raping and murdering the child in the early hours of Sunday, July 30.

Mr Elias said: "These atrocities reveal a depth of wickedness and depravity and whoever perpetrated them almost defies belief."

The court was told that Sophie's cousin had been given a tent for his birthday by his grandparents and, during the Saturday afternoon the tent was put up in the large garden. "Once erected the children were full of it," Mr Elias said. They pestered their

parents until they agreed that they could sleep in it that night. "It seemed the end of a perfect family day."

During that afternoon, while the children were playing in the garden, Mr Hughes had been seen hovering on the other side of the fence on a bridge path a few yards away, listening to their chatter. In their innocent play these children, wearing little or nothing, had made targets for his depravity.

Later that evening, Mr Hughes had returned to Llandudno and allegedly tried to abduct another seven-year-old girl who was playing less than four minutes' cycle ride from the Jones's garden.

At about 12.45am on the night of the attack Mr Jones had checked on the three children and zipped up the tent. He had gone to bed leaving the patio door open and the garden gate bolted.

Mr Elias said Mr Hughes took Sophie between 1.30 and 2.30am. He had kept Sophie from calling out by placing his hand over her mouth as he took her from the garden.

It was then that Mr Hughes raped and murdered Sophie, Mr Elias said. Her death had been caused by manual strangulation. Her clothes had been taken off. Her body had been washed up on the shore and found by a passer-by shortly after 7am. She had been violently assaulted and suffered broken arm and extensive bruising.

Mr Hughes had denied any involvement in the murder during five days of questioning in police custody. Mr Elias said that Mr Hughes's father, Gerald, a successful businessman, then visited his son and Mr Hughes subsequently confessed the murder to him and told him where her clothing could be found.

During a search of Mr Hughes's home, a collection of children's underwear had been found in a stone wall in the garden. "The defendant had an obsession with sex with children," Mr Elias said. "He had an intention and a determination at this time to carry his fantasy into reality."

The trial continues.



Sophie: taken from tent

Abandoned cuddly toy was first clue

By KATE ALDERSON

JULIE HOOK, 35, Sophie's mother, said in a written police statement read out in court yesterday: "The sight of 'Blankies', Sophie's cuddly toy in the tent, was the first real evidence she had gone missing. She never went anywhere without it."

She described how the cousins had been very close and regularly contacted each other by telephone and visited one another's homes regularly. "I would describe them as good friends. On occasion we would have sleepovers, swapping the children around."

"Both families had planned to meet on Sunday [the day Sophie's body was found] in Chester to see a Batman movie. Sophie and her sister had identical Winnie the Pooh nighties and Sophie wouldn't go anywhere without 'Blankies'. Because it was such a lovely day Sophie took her clothes off and was running around wearing just her knickers. I went at about 4pm after they cut the birthday cake and sang *Happy Birthday*. The children waved goodbye."

Mrs Hook and her husband

Chris received a phone call the next morning saying Sophie was missing. They drove to Llandudno and after conferring with police identified their daughter's body.

Mr Hook, 38, said he often warned his children about going with strangers: "We instilled in Sophie how she must not go with strangers. She was wary of people she did not know and I can't believe she would willingly go away from Danny's house, let alone from the garden. She was a healthy child with no medical problems. She had never wandered away or become separated from us in the past."

Danny Jones, Sophie's uncle, said of his niece's last afternoon: "She had been enjoying herself, playing charades. They were more like brothers and sisters than cousins. Sophie was just a typical seven-year-old excited about camping out. My son had come back in the house because the others had frightened him talking about ghosts."

None of Sophie's relatives was in court to hear the opening day of evidence.



Lisa Smith leaving court in Bangkok yesterday with a British Embassy official

Drugs girl freed at cost of £40,000

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND IN BANGKOK

LOOKING fresh, fit and suntanned, 20-year-old Lisa Smith, the latest Briton to face drugs charges in Thailand, walked from court in Bangkok to a waiting limousine yesterday after being told that there was nothing to stop her flying home.

The ruling came 12 days after a secretive bail agreement had been arranged by her father, giving her freedom at a cost of £40,000.

Miss Smith was arrested at Bangkok airport in January. Police said originally that she was carrying 4kg of opium and 500 amphetamine tablets. Yesterday she was charged with possessing and trafficking in 4kg of cannabis and 500 amphetamine tablets.

Wearing make-up, a blue tunic and ankle-length white skirt, she contrasted with the procession of foreign prisoners who usually go to court looking pale, often in chains and always wearing drab, brown, prison overalls.

She was allowed to sit not in the dock but next to her three lawyers. After the short hearing her criminal lawyer said: "She is only making one plea: not guilty. She will return to

face the charges. She will say she was framed."

Putri Kuvanonda, representing the family on the bail agreement, said: "She has received bail unconditionally. She is free to go wherever she wants but she must turn up on August 23 for the next hearing. If she does not, the family will forfeit the bail and a warrant will be issued for her arrest."

Miss Smith faces between five and 20 years in jail if convicted. In theory, her bail deal allows her to cut and run at any time during her trial, which could last years.

Bail has never before been given to foreigners in heroin or opium cases for that reason. But the £40,000 bond is four times that paid into court by Joseph McCracken, a Scot currently on trial for murder.

Within 24 hours of Miss Smith's arrest, her father, Terence, chief executive of National Mutual Assurance (Asia), based in Hong Kong, arrived with her mother to take care of her case and appoint lawyers.

He has since asked British Embassy officials and lawyers to make no comment on the case.

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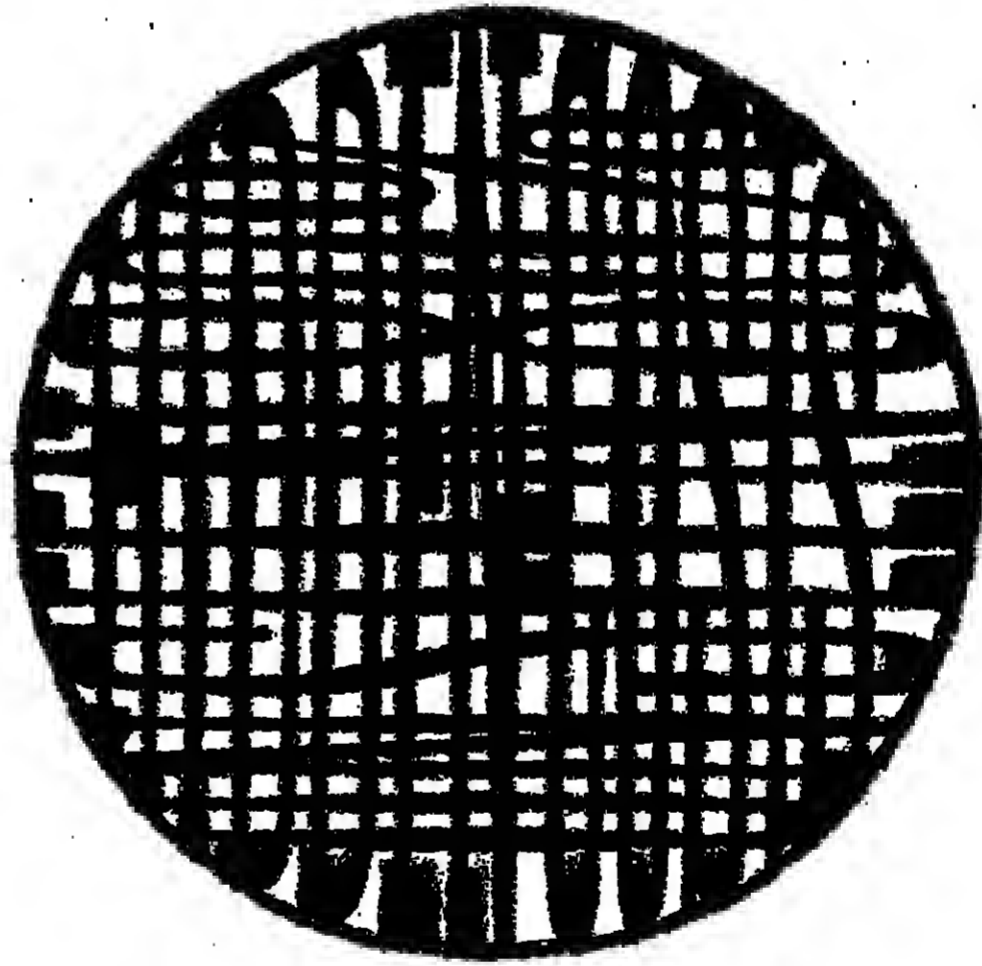
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Broadcasters chided after 'freak shows'

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BROADCASTING watchdogs are to warn television and radio companies against "victim entertainment" in which people's misfortunes and peculiarities are exploited as if they were performers in a Victorian freak show.

The warning comes after viewers' complaints about the way people with "interesting" medical conditions were shown in documentaries. The Broadcasting Standards Council has upheld three complaints on the issue in its bulletin

published today and will raise the matter with broadcasters next month when it publishes its annual report.

One ruling was against Vanessa Feltz, which featured a 16-month-old baby suffering from a condition known as premature sexual maturation. The council said it was uneasy about the display of young children in a talk show with a live studio audience, particularly in a case centring on intimate details.

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By DOMINIC KENNEDY

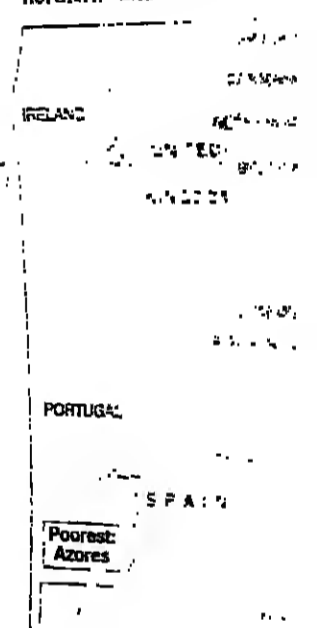
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More than three times as many of the workless in the UK as in the rest of Europe, says a report published today by the Government's Statistical Service. The report says that the unemployment rate in the UK is 11.5 per cent, compared with 3.5 per cent in the rest of Europe.



Welsh m smalles

THE Welsh are becoming the poorest of the British people, with their income and living standards dropping dramatically behind other areas, says a report published today.

The average household in Wales now has a lower weekly income even than Northern Ireland, while most homes rely on social security benefits than anywhere else in the UK. In 1980-81, the Welsh earned 91 per cent of the average English income, while the Scots took 84 per cent and the Northern Irish 75 per cent.

By 1994-95, households in Wales were taking home only 75 per cent as much as the English neighbours, while the Scots had risen to 97 per cent.

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Regional trends survey

Poor man of Europe still lags behind Continent

By Dominic Kennedy, Social Affairs Correspondent

MOST of the United Kingdom is poorer than the rest of the European Union, with only the South East and East Anglia wealthier than the continental average.

The first detailed survey of trends in the expanded Europe of 15 states shows spending power in Britain lagging far behind many member states while lifestyles are also less comfortable. The UK has the ninth highest gross domestic product per head in the Union, behind Luxembourg, Belgium, Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, The Netherlands and Italy. Only Sweden, Finland, Ireland, Spain, Portugal and Greece are poorer.

Most Italians now have more spending power than the Welsh, while Finland and northeast Spain are richer than the North of England. The troubles in Northern Ireland have made long-term unemployment in the region worse than almost anywhere else in Europe.

The North of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland have some of the lowest rates of car ownership, with fewer vehicles than the Portuguese. Scotland has the highest death rate apart from three German regions.

More than three quarters of the workforce in southeast England is in the service sector; only Brussels, Ile de France, West-Nederland and the Canaries have higher proportions.

The figures are disclosed in *Regional Trends*, published today by the Government's Statistical Service.

Southwest England has the oldest population outside northern and central Italy,

with one in five people aged 65 or over. Scotland, Wales, the North and North West of England have some of the highest death rates from circulatory causes.

One of the few positive findings is that the average yields of wheat and barley in Yorkshire, Humberside, the East Midlands and East Anglia are among the highest in Europe.

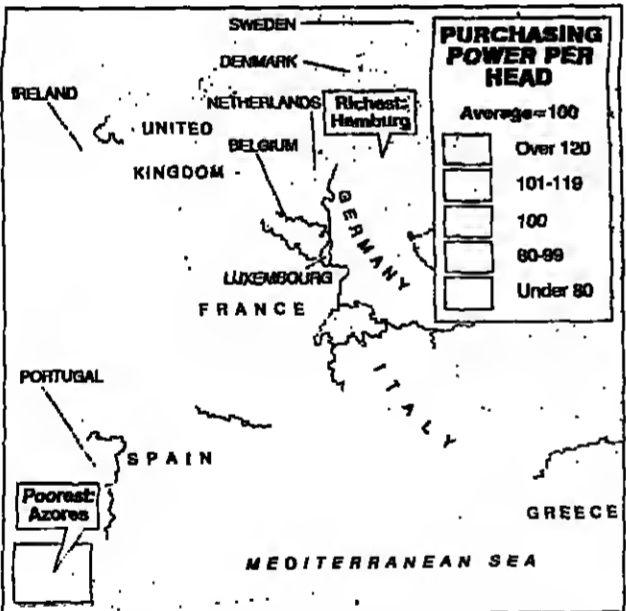
The richest region of Europe is Hamburg, followed by Ile de France and Luxembourg. The only densely populated north German state is home to 1.7 million people who each have almost twice as much to spend as the British.

They make their fortune, as do many of the wealthiest parts of the Continent, from working in service industries, with low proportions of the population employed in industry and little reliance on agriculture.

The poorest part of the Union is the Azores, whose 240,000 inhabitants have less than half Britain's gross domestic product. The islands are sparsely populated, with a large proportion of the population aged 15 or under, high birth and death rates and the worst infant mortality in Europe.

The youngest part of Europe is the Irish Republic where more than a quarter of the population is aged under 16. The oldest is Emilia-Romagna in northern Italy, where a fifth is over 64.

European structural funds next year will concentrate help on Northern Ireland, with £170 million, and North West England with £120 million. □ *Regional Trends* (Stationery Office: £35.95)



Welsh make do on smallest incomes

THE Welsh are becoming the poorest of the United Kingdom, with their incomes and living standards dropping dramatically behind other areas (Dominic Kennedy writes).

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By 1994-95, households in Wales were taking home only 75 per cent as much as their English neighbours, while the Scots had risen to 97 per cent

and the Northern Irish to 89 per cent. A Welsh home has £282 a week to live on, compared with £375 in England.

The Welsh also spent much less per head than other Britons, only £96 a week each compared with £119 in England. More of their income went on essentials such as fuel, light and power, motor-ing and fares. They spent less on clothing and footwear, household goods and leisure.

Northern Ireland has seen a reversal of fortunes in recent years. It is the only part of the nation in which house prices have risen each year since 1989.

Ulster children are most likely to pass at least two A levels and least likely to leave school without qualifications.



Dennis MacLeod first got the taste for gold when he went panning in Sutherland

Tycoon gets go-ahead for Scotland's first goldmine

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

A TYCOON whose ancestor sparked Scotland's only gold rush more than 100 years ago has received final planning consent for Scotland's first commercial goldmine.

Dennis MacLeod, 55, the Scots-Canadian head of the Toronto-based Caledonia Mining Corporation, will fulfil a childhood ambition when work starts on the goldmine at Cononish, near Tyndrum, Perthshire, next year.

Mr. MacLeod, originally from Helmsdale, in Sutherland, became fascinated with gold at the age of ten when his uncle took him panning near by in Strath Kildonan. The new mine at Cononish, an area of outstanding natural beauty that includes Ben Lui and the native pine forest at Coille Coire Chulic, is expected to produce gold and silver ore worth £37 million. It will employ about 80 people during the development phase and will extract an estimated 25,000 ounces of gold a year.

Caledonia Mining employs 1,500 people worldwide and operates mines in South Africa and Spain. It bought the Tyndrum interests from the



Scotland's first goldrush: Kildonan in the 1860s

Irish group Fynegold Exploration for £5 million last year. There had been initial hostility from some locals and environmental groups about the proposed mine but stringent conditions have been laid down by the local authority which have satisfied the Tay River Purification Board.

Yesterday Mr MacLeod said: "Getting a goldmine up and running in Scotland is the realisation of my boyhood ambition. The corporation is committed to local community development and prosperity. We will endeavour to train and employ local people."

The 200 villagers of Tyndrum have always known there was gold in the area. Eighteenth-century miners dug for lead on the Cononish

site they would have come across seams of silver and gold, but possibly too fine to recognise.

Robert Gilchrist, an ancestor of Mr MacLeod's, was responsible for Scotland's only gold rush. In 1868 he sparked a two-year frenzy at Kildonan when he returned after 17 years in the goldfields of Australia.

More than 600 prospectors took the train to Golspie and trekked 20 miles over moorland to stake their claims. Between £12,000 and £22,000 of gold was discovered before the Duke of Sutherland cleared the miners off his land on New Year's Day, 1870, after farmers complained that they were cutting into grazing land for sheep.



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Doctors vote to boycott 'insecure' computer net

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

PATIENTS' medical records stored on a growing national NHS computer network can be obtained by insurance companies and employers because security is so lax, doctors said yesterday.

The confidentiality of information disclosed by patients in medical consultations and carried on the network cannot be guaranteed, the British Medical Association said. At its annual general meeting in Brighton doctors voted to boycott the NHS Wide Net, which links computer banks in GPs' surgeries, hospitals and health authorities, until safeguards are introduced. The net was started on April 1.

NHS trusts and GPs are expected to use the network to exchange details of patient treatments so that they may be billed and paid for electronically under the NHS market.

Dr Fleur Fisher, the BMA's head of ethics, said: "Don't link your surgery or hospital to the net until you can ensure that the data in your computers can't be leaked out anywhere else." She disclosed that the information already circulating on the net could be traced to individuals despite having been "anonymised". "Most data which the Government said has been de-identified only has the names and addresses taken off. But it leaves the postcode and date of birth, which is enough to make an identification."

An American case gave warning of what could happen in Britain, she said. A non-

executive director of a private health maintenance organisation in Boston, Massachusetts, obtained details of all patients with cancer from the computer database. As he was also a director of a local bank he was able to match the information with the list of outstanding bank loans so that he could call them in before the patients died.

Experts say that the information can be scrambled. The Health Department has agreed to discuss options with doctors' leaders.

Dr Michael Williams, a consultant paediatrician, said: "In NHS trusts computer users have to take more security measures. Most leave terminals running in public view and passwords are exchanged freely. Trusts will merely have to declare that they comply with security guidelines - but can we trust them? We need much better guarantees of security. The technical means to safeguard information is available but clearly not in place."

Dr Simon Jenkins, chairman of the BMA's information technology committee, described how Aids patients in America sought legal advice before consulting doctors.

Dr Sandy Macara, BMA Council chairman, said ministers had strung doctors along for a year with empty reassurances about the network's safety. "We wish to see the system up and running but not at the expense of any threat to patient confidentiality."

GPs 'need treatment'

UP TO 10,000 doctors have a drink or drug problem that requires treatment but only a handful are getting the help they need, Jeremy Laurance writes.

Dr Michael Wilks, a police surgeon in west London and chairman of the BMA's drug misuse working party, told the BMA meeting that there was no evidence that they were a

danger to patients but urgent action was necessary to prevent any risk.

Organisations including the BMA and the Royal Colleges have agreed in principle the need for a treatment service that could deal with 300 to 400 doctors a year. However, the £300,000 cost has still to be found. "If we don't take action others will," Dr Wilks said.



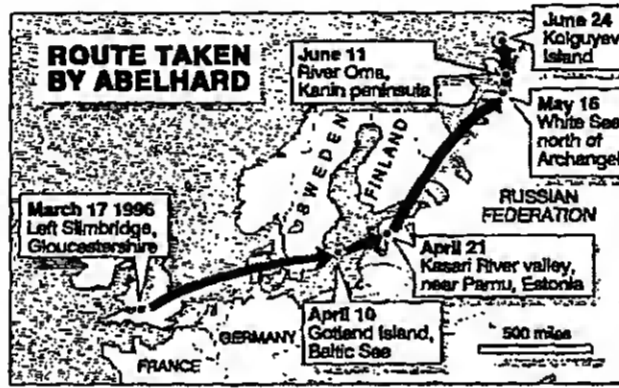
Workers celebrate after a 150-tonne boring machine linked up excavations under London Bridge yesterday to create a continuous six-mile stretch of tunnel for the Jubilee Tube line extension into east London. By August the tunnels should be finished and the line, said to be the largest construction project in Europe, is on schedule to open in March 1998. It will run from Green Park in the West End to Stratford

Swan sends back radio travelogue

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS have tracked the 2,500-mile flight path of migrating Bewick's swans from their winter refuge in southern England to their summer breeding grounds in the tundra of northern Russia.

They strapped a tiny radio transmitter to the back of Abelhard, a 12-year-old bird, which set off from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, on March 17 accompanied by its mate, Mid-Off. The radio's 12-inch aerial has been transmitting signals via satellite about once every 13 days to a station in Toulouse, southwest France, which feeds the information to Bristol University,



enabling researchers at Slimbridge to plot the swan's route. Abelhard's first signal was received on April 10 from Gotland Island in the Baltic Sea. After resting in Estonia, the bird entered Russia, stop-

ping on the White Sea coast in mid-May and reporting in from the mouth of the River Orma three weeks later. The most recent signal, on June 24, came from Kolguev Island in the Barents Sea. John Bowler, the trust's

swan specialist, said: "Although we have been studying Bewick's swans for 25 years, we had hardly any detailed information about their migration path. This new data will help us to protect the sites the swans visit against hunters and development."

Bewick's swans have yellow and black bills and are smaller than the mute swans that are year-round residents of Britain. They number about 45,000, up to 8,000 of which spend the winter in Britain, about 450 at Slimbridge.

The researchers are hoping for an even more detailed picture of the swan's journey back to Britain. "Abelhard will be sending back almost continuous signals, so we should have a record of every place he visits," Mr Bowler said.

Brightest not the best for bashful fireflies

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

FEMALE fireflies favour a faster flashing rate in males rather than sheer wattage, Dr Marc Branham and Dr Michael Greenfield of Kansas University report in *Nature*.

Typically, a male firefly flies about three to nine feet off the ground emitting short bursts of flashes, each lasting a second or two. A female on the ground may reply with a dimmer flash, which often attracts the male, and a flashing duet may ensue. In propitious circumstances that can end in courtship and mating.

The two entomologists filmed the displays, simulating the flashes and varying the characteristics. They showed that females respond best to a higher flash rate.

Under half the females responded to simulated male flashing at less than 2.7 flashes a second, but more than three quarters reacted to a flash rate of four a second. Variables such as flash length or brightness did not attract them.

Woodpecker leads flight to oblivion

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A SMALL ant-eating woodpecker has been identified as Britain's biggest loser in the bird world. Once common throughout England and Wales, the wryneck is now thought to be reduced to five breeding pairs.

It has been in decline since the mid 1800s and last bred in any numbers in Kent and Sussex before the Second World War.

The wryneck's misfortunes, though, are almost equalled by those of the white-tailed eagle, the corn crake and the red-backed shrike, according to ornithologists who have compiled a table of winners and losers for *British Birds*, published by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

David Gibbons, Mark Avery and Andrew Brown place the white-tailed eagle second in their list of losers. It became extinct in Britain but after reintroduction from Norway there are thought to be ten breeding pairs. The secretive corn crake has been in decline for 150 years and its disappearance is now thought to be only a matter of time. The red-backed shrike,

widespread in Britain in the 19th century, first failed to breed in England in 1989, and though a pair bred in East Anglia in 1992, it is now counted as extinct as a breeding bird. Other losers cited include the corn bunting and the black-tailed godwit. The great bustard and great auk are already gone.

The winners, the ornithologists say, are led by the tufted duck, which has boosted its population over the past two centuries to 7,500 pairs. Other birds on the increase include the Canada goose, with 75,000 pairs, and the pheasant, with more than three million breeding.

Surprisingly, studies reveal that the number of species breeding in the UK increased from 194 to 230 between 1800 and 1995, although bird populations in general declined alarmingly.

Mr Gibbons said yesterday: "We only have to go back a few human generations to find surprising and shocking changes. We may have gained a lot of birds but the losses would seem unbelievable to a Victorian birdwatcher."

Gardener dies from tetanus

A man has died from tetanus after cutting his leg while turning over his garden with a rotavator. Michael Carter, a 52-year-old carpenter, went to his local casualty department for stitches and an anti-tetanus booster injection but after returning to his home in Gayhurst, Buckinghamshire, the leg began to swell.

When tetanus was diagnosed Mr Carter, a grandfather, was transferred to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, and six days later suffered a heart attack caused by the infection. He died in intensive care on Sunday. An inquest was opened and adjourned on Tuesday.

£87,000 aria

A previously unrecorded part of a soprano aria by Mozart, discovered wrapped in brown paper in an American attic, fetched £87,000 at Christie's in London yesterday. It was bought by an anonymous telephone bidder for more than three times the estimate.

Dunn payout

The former heavyweight boxer Richard Dunn has agreed damages of about £300,000 after an accident on a North Sea rig in 1989. Dunn, 41, who fought Muhammad Ali for the world title in 1976, fell 40ft and broke both ankles. He walks with the aid of sticks.

Split decision

Efforts to reunite the head of Oliver Cromwell with his body have been rebuffed by Sir George Wombwell, his descendant. He has told campaigners that the corpse will not be removed from its vault at the family home in North Yorkshire.

Musical tryst

The singer Kim Wilde, starting in *Tommy* in London, has become engaged to Hal Fowler, another member of the cast. Fowler, who plays Cousin Kevin in the rock musical, proposed to Ms Wilde, *Tommy's* mother, on a break in Calais this week.

Animal passion

Police called in a spotter plane to help in a search of Cowes golf course on the Isle of Wight after a passer-by believed he heard the sound of someone being attacked. The operation ended when the source was identified as two foxes mating.

A report referred to by Mr Ronald Bernstein, QC, in his letter, "Tackling the evil of cowboy builders" (June 20), is available from Justice, 59 Carter Lane, London EC4V 3AQ, price £4.

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PoWs win review of lost wartime pay 'worth £90m'

BY ADRIAN LEE

THOUSANDS of former prisoners of war who claim they lost pay while incarcerated during the Second World War have won a fresh review of their cases. The sum involved 50 years ago was £1 million, and the 14,000 former servicemen believe it is now worth up to £90 million.

The decision by the Ministry of Defence to "thoroughly consider" the claims marks a breakthrough for the veterans after a 16-year campaign. The review will be headed by Earl Howe, the Parliamentary Under Secretary for Defence.

Those affected fall into two groups who both had money deducted from their wages while they were held captive: up to 4,000 protected personnel, such as doctors, nursing orderlies, ambulance drivers and padres; and 10,500 officers from all three services.

Under the terms of the Geneva Convention, protected personnel should have received payment from the enemy and, as a result, British paymasters made deductions of up to 50 per cent. In reality, some were never paid by the Germans and Italians, a few were paid erratically, while others were paid "laager



Captain Hugo Bracken, right, as a PoW in Germany

marks" by the enemy which were supposed to be used to buy essentials and redeemed for sterling after the war. They were virtually worthless or not refunded. Officers also received the "laager marks", which were treated as an advance on their pay.

Ordinary soldiers, who did not fall into either category, had no pay deducted and are not involved in the claim. Officers held in Japan had pay refunded after the war, while protected personnel held there did not have pay deducted. The officers have founded their own campaign group, Justice for Prisoners of War.

Graham King, who served in the medical corps as a corporal, claims £150 was deducted from his pay for five years while he was a prisoner

at Stalag 20A in Poland. Experts have calculated it is worth many thousand pounds today.

Mr King, 77, spokesman for the National Ex-Prisoners of War Association, said: "The attitude of the Government has always been that it was such a long time ago, so forget it. But many people feel disgusted by the way they were treated."

Few pay records still exist and a review in 1980 by a defence working party concluded there was insufficient evidence to reopen files. The former servicemen have since gathered new evidence.

Mr King, who was captured before the fall of Dunkirk, said he sensed a change in attitude. The outlook seemed "quite positive". Unfortunately, he

added, many colleagues who felt they were entitled to money were now dead.

Captain Hugo "Bungee" Bracken, 84, a former Fleet Air Arm pilot from Groombridge, East Sussex, claims he is owed £5,300, equivalent to £276 in the 1940s. He was shot down over Norway and spent four years in a PoW camp in former Silesia. About a quarter of his pay was deducted while he was captive and he received "laager marks". He said they were worthless.

Captain Bracken said he would be happy, given the complexity of calculating back pay, if a lump sum was given to service charities. "The Government has behaved absolutely disgracefully," he said.

Charles Shelton, 77, a former medic from King's Lynn, Norfolk, said: "It's not the money, it's the principle. When I got home I was given a £100 payoff but I had no idea what I was or wasn't entitled to." He was captured at Arnhem. "It hurts me to think about the way we have been betrayed."

Confirming the review, a MoD spokesman said: "It will be looked at again but because there are no records it is a review of principle. How they could ever decide how much was owed, I don't know."



Mr Bracken at home near Tunbridge Wells. He claims he is owed £5,300 for £276 deducted from wartime pay

Crofting family puts isles on sale

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A GROUP of uninhabited islands in the Western Isles is being offered for sale by a retired crofter.

John Mackenzie, 74, used the islands, in the Sound of Harris, for grazing sheep until he sold his flock last year. Now he and his brothers have decided to sell the estate to the highest bidder.

The islands are Ensay, Saghay Mhor, Saghay Bheag, Slaicham, Suem, Croay, Vaten, Lingay, Crago and Scaravay. They lie between Harris and North Uist, not far from the site of the planned Lingerbay superquarry. Ensay, the largest of the islands, has a small summer house, which is not owned by the Mackenzie brothers.

The Sound of Harris offers breathtaking views in the summer but is a treacherous crossing during foul weather. Mr Mackenzie, of Leverburgh, south Harris, was being coy yesterday about how much he expected the islands to raise. "It's just a case of the best offer," he said. "There has been quite a bit of interest already so I'm quite confident we will sell."

Salmon a good catch at £6,000

BY A STAFF REPORTER

FISHING rights to two miles of one of Scotland's prime salmon rivers are being sold for £3 million. The secluded Upper Kercock and Delvine beats on the Tay, north of Perth, are on offer from Lethendy Estates, a property company, at a rate equivalent to more than £6,000 per fish.

Last year 549 salmon were caught there. Colin Strang Steel, of Knight Frank, said: "It seems like a lot of money to ask but not in relation to the number of fish that have been caught. Back in the Eighties prices were as high as £15,000 per fish."

The Upper Kercock and Delvine, near the village of Murthly, Tayside, are among the last beats on the river not split into smaller sections or divided into timeshare lets. The most likely buyer is thought to be either a consortium of wealthy anglers or a sporting company that will lease out the rights.

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Vicar forced to quit new post in clash over women priests

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A TRADITIONALIST Church of England congregation has forced its new parish priest to resign before setting foot in the vicarage because of his support for the ordination of women.

The Rev David Burrell, 39, was due to leave his parish in Suffolk to become priest-in-charge of eight parishes around Colkirk in Norfolk. He had been interviewed and offered the job, which he accepted.

However, some of the congregation in one of his new parishes did not realise he supported women priests until the position was offered and accepted. Facing the threat of a church boycott in Colkirk, the village where he was to live, Mr Burrell felt he had no choice but to resign.

"I feel a bit angry that a small group of people can hold such sway over a whole group of parishes," he said. "I have had many messages from people in the other parishes saying they are upset."

"My bishop here in Suffolk said he would be very happy for me to stay in this diocese and has asked me to look at some other parishes. I wouldn't have been allowed to do my job as a priest. Some of the people in the parish would

not have accepted the eucharist from me."

The case is thought to be the first of its kind in the Church of England, which voted in 1992 to ordain women priests. It highlights divisions that remain in the Church which, although it has appointed "flying bishops" to look after opponents and has granted parishes the freedom to refuse a woman priest, is likely to remain unsettled about the issue for years to come.

The objectors had said they would be happy for Mr Burrell to arrange for a stand-in to celebrate communion at the 13th-century Church of St Mary the Virgin. However, if he refused, they threatened to leave the group to join a neighbouring group of parishes. Mr Burrell said it was fortunate that he had not yet signed his letter of resignation from St Mary's Church in Haughley, Suffolk, where he will now remain.

He said: "It was some weeks after my interview when the Colkirk parochial church council suddenly wrote to the bishop saying they wanted to withdraw support for me."

The bishop went to see them and I thought they had reached a compromise. But when I met the council it was

obvious that was not the case."

Diana Beck, lay vice-chairman of Colkirk church council, voted to oppose Mr Burrell celebrating communion at an emergency meeting which she called after she became aware of his support of women priests.

"We have a congregation of between 6 and 26 and I know most of them share my views opposing women priests," she said. "They would have boycotted services if he had administered the sacraments and he would have had an empty church."

She said the council did not object earlier because of "a misunderstanding". However Bill Vyse, a Colkirk church warden who sat on the interview panel, said: "I support the ordination of women. I was looking forward to working with Mr Burrell but other members did not agree with me."

The Right Rev David Conner, the Bishop of Lynn, has met church council representatives in Colkirk to discuss appointing another priest who is acceptable to all eight parishes. He said: "I have never been involved in a case of the appointment of a priest that has broken down at such a late stage."



The Rev David Burrell, above, was supported by Bill Vyse, below left, church warden at St Mary's, Colkirk, when he was made priest-in-charge, but others forced him to resign before he had set foot in the vicarage



Athletics body fights Modahl cash claim

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE British Athletic Federation went to the High Court yesterday in an attempt to strike out the damages claim by the Olympic athlete Diane Modahl.

Modahl, who attended the private hearing, is suing the federation for £480,000 in legal and medical costs sustained in her successful campaign to clear her name of allegations that she took performance-enhancing drugs. She is also seeking punitive damages for the way her case was handled by the federation.

Modahl was banned for four years after tests in Lisbon in 1994 appeared to show that she had a high level of testosterone in her body. The tests were eventually discredited and the ban was lifted.

The federation is understood to be arguing that it complied with the rules and that there is no foundation for a damages action. If Mr Justice Popplewell rejects its claim, the full hearing of the case is expected to take place in the autumn. The judge will give his judgment in open court tomorrow.

Modahl is currently training for the Olympics in Atlanta. She won selection for the 800m after finishing second in the national trial in Birmingham. Outside the court she said she was "very excited" by the prospect of Atlanta.

Tong family plans move to Ireland

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE wife of Albert Tong, the illegal immigrant arrested after seeking sanctuary in a church, is hoping to take up a job offer in Ireland to enable the family to start a new life there and avoid her husband's deportation.

Becky Tong is flying to the Irish Republic with the couple's three-year-old daughter, Monica, to accept the post, according to solicitors for the family. Chris Bryan said that he was talking to the Home Office about his client joining his wife in Ireland to avoid deportation to Hong Kong.

He said Mr Tong had a right to go to Ireland because his wife was a British citizen. By working there she had European Community rights, and her husband had the right to stay there with her.

The move came as Mr Tong, 43, who had a suspected heart attack after his arrest, was being discharged from hospital yesterday. A Home Office spokesman said the movements of Mr Tong's wife

were a matter for her. "Our position remains who he is medically fit we will be deporting him to Hong Kong," the spokesman said. He would not say when that would be.

Mr Toog, who had lived for 17 years in Camborne, Cornwall, had been under observation in hospital since his collapse in Newquay police station after his arrest at Marazion Methodist Church, west Cornwall.

Lawmakers in Hong Kong yesterday added their voice to appeals to the Government to allow Mr Tong to remain in the UK in a letter of protest, signed by 48 of the 60 legislators.

Mr Toog's local support group called on Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to allow him to apply for EU citizenship as he held a British Dependent Territories passport. The Churches Commission for Racial Justice also appealed for him to be allowed to stay.

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Need to tackle Parliament's weaknesses cannot be ignored

John Major is right that the House of Commons is at the heart of the debate over constitutional reform. That is too often ignored by the advocates of change, whether of devolution, a Bill of Rights or of the House of Lords. They frequently justify their proposals on their own terms while not taking into account the wider implications. But Mr Major is wrong to argue that this automatically undermines the case for change.

those very changes have themselves destabilised the constitution and the place of Parliament. Some started before 1979 — though have developed considerably since then — such as the growing power of European institutions, the broadening scope of judicial review and the omnipresence of the media in the political debate.

Mr Major fairly argued in his speech at the Centre for Policy Studies last night that the Tories have devolved management to hospitals and individual schools and have strengthened people's rights as consumers of public services. These are pluses which the reformers tend to ignore. But the overall funding control remains at the centre, not with Parliament but with the executive.

The problem is less what might happen within Scotland, or Wales (if a workable plan could be devised for the perennially fractious principality) than over relations with the national Government. That is recognised in the thorough reports of the recently established Constitution Unit, which are intentionally similar to the briefs which might be produced by civil servants for an incoming Blair Government, sympathetic to the aims but noting the pitfalls. The most critical remarks in its reports are about relations with the centre, over budgets and representation at Westminster.

Any workable reform plans have to deal with these issues and the future of Parliament itself. It is no good viewing them in separate compartments. If powers are shifted away from Westminster, as they already have been to the EU, the role of the Commons, and the Lords, has to be reconsidered. Parliament may remain, in Mr Major's words, "the focus of the nation's unity at times of national grief or outrage and the threat for the great convulsion of political history". But that does not make it effective on a day-to-day basis.

Mr Major's proposals for shifting the timing of the Queen's Speech to avoid congestion around the time of the Budget and announcing provisional legislative plans a year ahead are sensible in a gradualist way — and are in line with the recommendations of almost every group that has looked at parliamentary reform over the past decade. But they barely deal with the central issue of ensuring that Parliament is better at scrutinising legislation and the executive.

It is no good just warning about the dangers of ill-thought-out reform, necessary though that is. But the weaknesses of Parliament have to be addressed. Mr Major offered only half a case last night.

PETER RIDDELL

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Don't tamper with fabric of the nation, says Major

By ANDREW PIERCE
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR opened the most far-reaching debate on the constitution for a generation last night with a warning that Labour's "dangerous" plans for reform threatened to unstitch the fabric of Britain's way of life.

The Prime Minister heralded the start of a Cabinet counter-offensive against Opposition proposals on devolution, the abolition of hereditary peers, and proportional representation. Ministers believe that the Labour leadership's change of heart on a referendum for a Scottish parliament was a further sign that it has become increasingly sensitive to Tory attacks on their plans for constitutional reform.

A succession of Cabinet ministers will enter the debate in the coming weeks with set-piece speeches defending the Union and attacking Labour.

Mr Major, in his speech last night to the Centre for Policy Studies, said that Parliament was the cement that held together the United Kingdom. "Threaten the central role of our national Parliament and you threaten that unity and stability. The differences floated by the Opposition could not fail to destabilise and, in the end, diminish the British Parliament."

Parliament had its quirks and faults but it was hard to find another country where it was so central to national life. "That is why piecemeal re-

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PR: single transferable vote system now used for local and European elections in Northern Ireland
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WALES: separate tax-raising "Serydd"
HOUSE OF LORDS: abolish hereditary peerage and create elected second chamber
COMMONS: greater consultation; tougher scrutiny of executive

life. One group of politicians could unravel what generations of our predecessors have created."

Mr Major rejected calls for a written constitution, condemned Labour's proposed abolition of hereditary peers, and poured scorn on proportional representation. "The fact is the House of Lords has been far more effective than many overseas equivalent revising chambers." Proportional representation would damage Parliament by breaking links between citizens and constituency MPs.

"The constitution was vibrant and robust but not indestructible. People must realise that our constitution is not a piece of architecture that one can re-engineer by knocking down a wall here or adding an extension there. It's a living, breathing constitution. Its roots are ancient, but it has evolved. And it has been stable because it has popular support. That is why I care so much about our constitution. It is why I will defend our tradition, our heritage, and guard against any needless change which threatens the institutions which make us one nation."

"At the next election, just as at the last, people will be able to choose if they want embark on a voyage into the unknown, uncharted waters of tempestuous change. The choice is rightly theirs. Our task is to warn them of the perils of doing so."

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THE anti-Europe UK Independence Party is planning to field candidates in every constituency at the general election (Andrew Pierce writes).

The move, which will split the anti-federalist vote, is intended to eclipse Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party, which will not challenge candidates who are committed to a referendum on Britain's future in the EU.

Sir James will confront the threat in a speech tonight to hundreds of supporters in Newcastle upon Tyne, emphasising that Britain should negotiate for change from within Europe. The UKIP is committed to Britain's withdrawal from the EU.

Rival party threatens Goldsmith

Dr Alan Sked, the UKIP leader, said that the election was in May "we will be flying the flag in 650 constituencies".

The party, which polled 1,300 votes at the recent Staffordshire South East by-election, is said to have more than 10,000 members. The names of its first 100 candidates will be announced next week.

Attacking Sir James for the first time, Dr Sked said: "We are not a one-man band. We do not favour chequebook politics. Britain cannot find leadership from a billionaire MEP. We believe in immediate withdrawal from the EU and to replace membership with a free trade agreement."

Nolan outlines councils inquiry

By IAN MURRAY
COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE Nolan committee outlined its programme for investigating corruption and incompetence in local government yesterday.

Councils' consideration of planning applications and tenders from outside contractors will be top of the committee's agenda. Lord Nolan, chairman of the committee on standards in public life, intends to review the rules by which councillors are required to declare any interest they have in the outcome of a decision. He also wants to look into the controversial system of making councillors repay the cost of bad decisions through a surcharge.

Although he will not investigate individual allegations of misconduct, he is inviting the public and organisations to tell the committee of their experiences with councils so that it can focus its report on the important issues.

Written submissions, addressed to the committee at Horse Guards Road, London, SW1P 3AL, must arrive by October 31. Public meetings on local government will be held towards the end of the year.

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Yeltsin's new security chief traces anti-Communist stance to childhood memory of Soviet massacre

Gruff general reveals scars that made him

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN NOVOCHERKASSK, SOUTHERN RUSSIA



Young Aleksandr Lebed whose father was sent to a labour camp under Stalin for arriving late at work

THE new Russian security chief, General Aleksandr Lebed, is either an honest man or a remarkably bad son. The proof of this lies in the house in the southern Russian town of Novocherkassk, where he was born and his widowed mother still lives. For if he, like so many Russian generals, had made a fortune out of stealing and selling military equipment, it is difficult to believe that his mother would still be living in a small cottage without an inside lavatory or even running water.

Her house is in a typical yard, lined with cottages, sheds and kitchen gardens shaded by chestnut trees, and littered with sleeping dogs and bits of broken-down cars. The dominant scent comes from the two communal lavatories in the middle.

Neighbours expressed the hope that now General Lebed was "the second man of the Russian State", something would be done to improve conditions. "For 30 years we've been complaining to the town administration about this yard, the lavatories, the lack of water," Lyubov Ivanova, a resident, said. "They all say, yes, yes, and do nothing."

The image of General Lebed as an ordinary Russian and not part of the new elite has been tremendously important

in his electoral success. As his autobiography shows, it is a carefully cultivated image, but one that so far appears to correspond to reality.

Attempts by General Pavel Grachev, the former Defence Minister and General Lebed's old enemy, to dig up evidence of corruption from his time as commander of the 14th Army in Moldavia completely failed. Even Moldavian leaders, who have few reasons to love Gen-

eral Lebed, admit that he was personally honest and a strict disciplinarian. It remains to be seen whether these characteristics will survive the immense temptations of government in Moscow.

General Lebed went to an ordinary school in Novocherkassk, and Natalya Grishkova, a former teacher, described him as the star of his class. His school results suggest that he was certainly one of the brighter pupils. He

got top marks in history, geography and physical education, and only slightly lower results in the rest.

General Lebed's nose was broken while boxing, at which he excelled. But in his autobiography he claims not to have lost sleep over this: "I'm not a girl; and anyway, at that time, I thought that a real man only had to look a bit more sympathetic than a monkey." The gruff general also describes

the local Communist headquarters opened fire, killing 24 people, and several others were subsequently executed.

The young Lebed was watching the demonstration with other boys, sitting in trees on the square. He had wriggled through a window to get away from his mother, who had forbidden him to go out. When the troops opened fire, two of the boys were hit. He has spoken of how the local commander committed suicide in protest at the killings, and the misuse of the army: "He was a true officer."

General Lebed is using this episode and the fact that his father went to a labour camp under Stalin, for arriving late for work, as reasons for his siding with President Yeltsin against the Communists.

General Lebed's autobiography suggests a natural fighter, but one who can keep out of unnecessary fights, especially now that he has given up alcohol. His election propaganda has played on the theme of a brave soldier dedicated to preventing war.

However, a degree of ruthlessness is apparent, and even boasted of in his autobiography. Despite what happened in Novocherkassk, he expresses little pity for the civilian victims of Soviet operations in which he was involved.



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Venice mayor anguished by opera house arson finding

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

EXPERTS investigating the fire at La Fenice opera house in Venice five months ago have concluded that it was started deliberately, possibly by a construction firm hoping to win the highly lucrative rebuilding contract. Current estimates are that rebuilding will take three years — and cost at least £66 million.

Initial suspicions involved performers who might have nursed a grudge: disgruntled technicians who had failed to get a job there; or a pyromaniac. Now investigators are focusing on a "contract racket". Another theory is that restoration firms had fallen behind with work schedules and were seeking to avoid hefty penalty payments.

The blaze, on the night of January 29, almost completely destroyed the 18th-century theatre, regarded as a jewel of European opera. The Fenice company was abroad on tour and the opera house was being

refurbished before the spring season. The rococo interior was gutted, leaving only the blackened facade and outer walls standing.

Investigators have asked for another month to complete their report. But preliminary findings suggest the fire was set with skill and inside knowledge by people who knew the theatre's layout.

"The arsonists chose their moment well," one investigator said. There was only one night watchman on duty, it was a clear, dry night, alarm systems had been switched off during the refurbishment, and nearby canals had been drained for cleaning, making it difficult for firefighters to gain access or pump water.

Investigators draw an analogy with the fire at the Petruzzelli opera house in Bari, southern Italy, which burnt down in 1991.

That theatre's director went on trial in February accused of

plotting arson with people who had been promised the rebuilding contract. He is also accused of trying to claim insurance money to repay debts to the Mafia, which allegedly helped to set fire to the building.

Massimo Cacciari, the Mayor of Venice, said that accusations of arson at La Fenice were terrifying, adding: "I cannot imagine who could have done such a thing." The inquiry team, led by Felice Casson, Venice's chief investigating magistrate, believes the fire was started in several places at once in a "carefully prepared plan".

In a separate inquiry, Signor Cacciari and the theatre superintendent, Gianfranco Pomicino, are being investigated for contributing to the fire through negligence. Some reports say they ignored fire prevention officers' warnings that La Fenice's protection was inadequate.

Mad cows may have met their Waterloo

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

IN A bizarre link between the Battle of Waterloo and the beef war, the French press has uncovered a report by Victor Hugo describing how Britain used human and animal remains from Napoleonic battlefields to nourish its cattle.

In his work *Things Observed 1847-1848*, Hugo recorded that British farmers were grinding up bones left behind from the carnage at Leipzig (1813) and Waterloo (1815) to fertilise the fields of Yorkshire. "Thus the last residue of Napoleon's victories are being used to fatten up English cows," Hugo said.

"At last the true origin of BSE has been revealed," the satirical French weekly *Le Canard Enchaîné* said yesterday. "If English cattle have turned mad, the cause is historical... the cows across the Channel were nourished on flour made from old soldiers and war horses."

About 32,000 Frenchmen died at Waterloo, with 15,000 English and 7,000 Prussian troops. Cling British newspapers, Hugo wrote: "Several million bushels of human bones arrived at Hull from the Continent."

He added: "These bones, mixed with the bones of horses, have been collected from the battlefields of Austerlitz, Leipzig... and Waterloo."

"They were transported to Yorkshire where they were ground into powder and then sent to Doncaster where they are being used as fertiliser."

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Shadowy Muslim groups suspected of attack aimed at House of Saud

By MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

EXTREMISTS

THE real target of the lorry bomb at the King Abdul Aziz air base in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday was the House of Saud, that has ruled the kingdom since it was founded more than 60 years ago.

The explosion, the most deadly terrorist attack in the Arab world since the blowing up of the Marine barracks in Lebanon in 1982, is a

declaration of war by Islamic extremists on America, the West, and the Arab world. The West, from the Arabian peninsula to the Atlantic, is a regime that they consider corrupt, illegitimate, and unfit to hold custody over Mecca and Medina, the two most holy places in Islam.

No one doubts that the tanker lorry hunk at the military base in

Dhahran was the work of one of the militant groups which in recent years have become an increasing threat to the stability of Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil producer.

The likely perpetrators are two shadowy groups, the Movement for Islamic Change and the Tigers of the Gulf, who claimed responsibility for a similar attack last November. Little is known about their size, strength and member-

ship. But they and other Islamic radicals have one thing in common: hatred for a regime they believe has brought Western decadence to the heartland of Islam.

The Dhahran bomb was not unexpected. After the November bombing of a military training and communications centre in central Riyadh, in which seven people including five Americans were killed, four Islamic militants were arrested. The Saudi Government

said they confessed that they had been inspired by Muhammad al-Masari, the militant Islamic dissident living in London.

But opposition groups insisted such confessions were extracted through torture, and gave a warning of further attacks should the men be executed. They were, nevertheless, publicly beheaded on May 31.

The growing unrest in Saudi Arabia stems from the 1991 Gulf

War. King Fahd's decision to accept a large allied force, mostly American, was seen by conservatives as sacrilege, polluting the holy land with the presence of infidels and engaging non-Muslims to join in a war against fellow Muslims.

The sudden influx of Western forces and customs, including the presence of unveiled women, angered the extremists.

The war also prompted political rumblings. Why, it was asked, was

Saudi Arabia spending so much on arms when it could not defend itself unaided? The huge bill, which Riyadh is still paying, also led to a short-term cash crisis, bankrupting many small businesses, and provoking criticism not only of the lavish spending of the 4,000-strong Royal Family, but of the dominance of the House of Saud, especially among tribal rivals previously bought off by prosperity.

America pledges to keep military presence in Gulf

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT
AND IAN BRIDIE IN WASHINGTON

AFTERMATH

AMERICA vowed it would not leave the oil-rich Gulf and placed its many personnel there on maximum alert yesterday after a lorry bomb ripped through a Saudi Arabian military complex housing foreigners, killing at least 19 Americans and seriously wounding 64 others. In all, almost 400 people were treated for light injuries.

Tuesday night's no-warning blast was the most deadly attack on a US target in the Middle East since the 1983 suicide bomb against a barracks in Beirut killed 241 marines and drove the American military out of Lebanon.

In scenes of devastation eerily reminiscent of that attack, the work of a radical Shia Muslim bomber, Saudi rescue workers equipped with cranes and bulldozers yesterday continued the search for survivors from the eight-storey residential complex on the King Abdul Aziz Air Base in Khobar, near Dhahran in eastern Saudi Arabia.

Nearby was a crater 35ft deep and 45ft wide left by the blast, which was caused by an estimated five tonnes of explosive loaded on to a 5,000-gallon fuel lorry.

Speaking at the White House yesterday, President Clinton gave an official account of the bombing, explaining that Saudi police were immediately suspicious of a petrol tanker which pulled up outside the security perimeter of the US base.

Mr Clinton said they alerted an American patrol and began warning occupants of nearby buildings. As the patrol approached the vehicle, two men jumped from the cab and fled. Within a couple of minutes, the bomb exploded. No person or group had claimed responsibility.

It can be argued that Americans still do not take sufficiently stringent anti-terrorist precautions, even after the World Trade Centre and Oklahoma City bombings. Concrete barriers and frequent patrols had been installed at the Dhahran base after terrorists drove up to the door of a Saudi military training headquarters in Riyadh in November and exploded a car bomb. Five Americans and two Indians were killed.

But the barriers were only

35 yards from the barracks. The 5,000lb force of Tuesday's explosion sheared off the front of the high-rise building.

William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, claimed on American television yesterday that without the barriers there would have been "many, many more fatalities".

Norman Schwarzkopf, the retired US Army general, commanded the American-led coalition based in Saudi Arabia during the 1991 Gulf War. As rescue workers dug frantically with bare hands in the blistering desert heat yesterday, he told NBC television: "I think it would be a tragic mistake if we were to pull, pitch and run. We have to show them that we are tougher than they are."

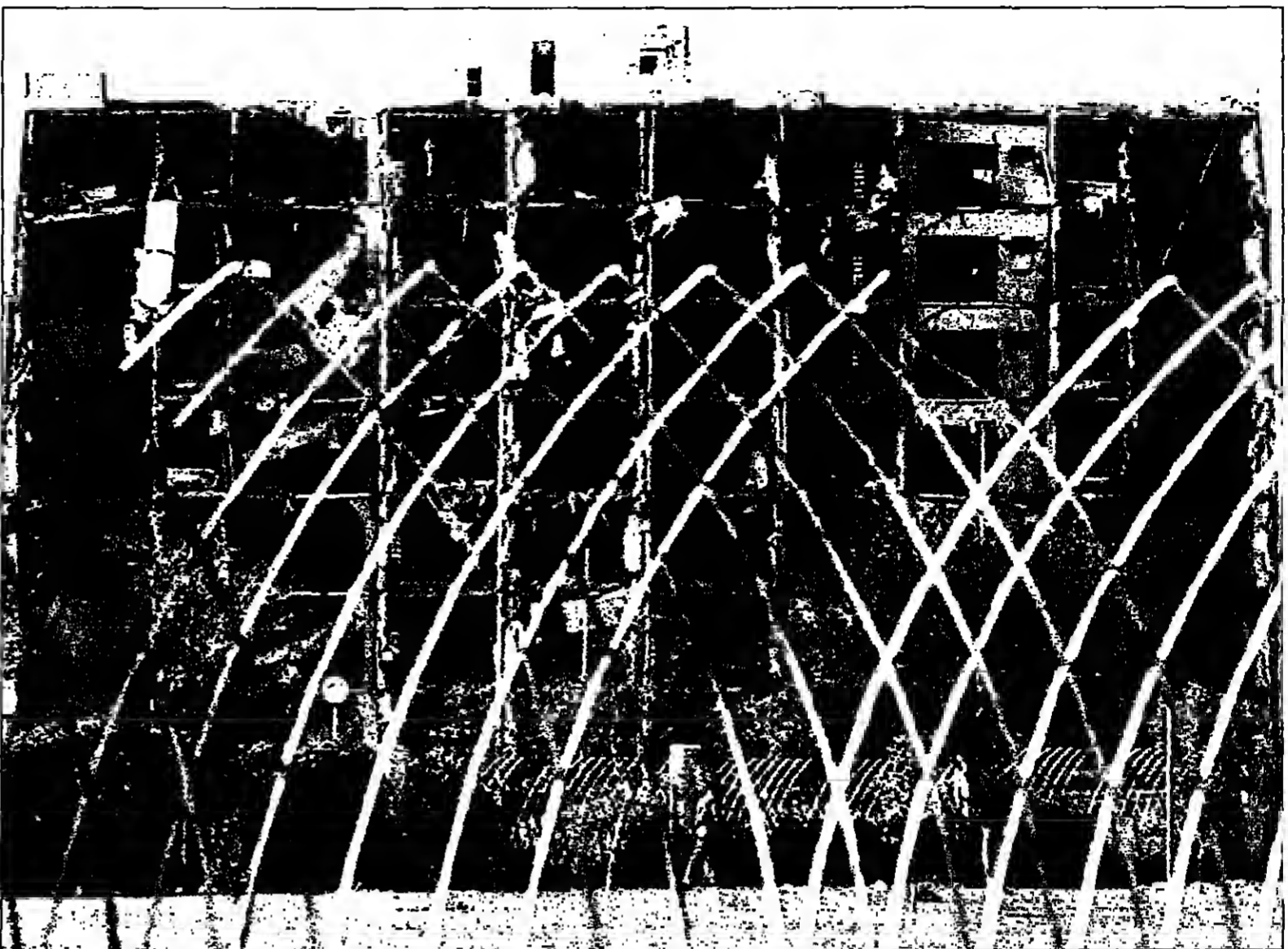
Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, confirmed there were no plans to reduce the American military presence, saying: "It is a fundamental tenet of American foreign policy that our presence in that part of the world helps limit the conflict and the tension that does exist."

After talks in Jerusalem with Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, who later flew to visit survivors, Israeli President Weizman blamed Iran for the attack. Other regional security experts said it was more likely to have been Sunni Muslim Saudi fanatics trained in Afghanistan and known as "The Afghanis".

There are 2,000 Americans at the Dhahran base, including pilots flying in "Operation Southern Watch", the mission to enforce the no-fly zone over southern Iraq. Other US personnel include Patriot anti-missile operators, air ground crews, and communications specialists.

Residents there said military personnel from America, Britain, France and Saudi Arabia occupied 50 buildings on the 400-building complex. Saudi families were living in the rest.

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The wreckage of the American-occupied apartment building at the air base in Dhahran which took the force of Tuesday's bomb attack

Western task force keeps daily watch on Iraq

By MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AIR PATROLS

THE King Abdul Aziz airbase at Dhahran has been the centre of American-led coalition force activities since the end of the 1991 Gulf War.

However, so sensitive is the continuing presence of US, British and French aircraft and military personnel there, five years after the war, that even the usually informative American Defence Department officials are reluctant to give precise numbers.

Nevertheless, since the war ended the three nations have used Dhahran to launch daily "no-fly zone" combat air patrols over southern Iraq, south of the 32nd parallel. Operation Southern Watch is carried out by the Joint Task Force South-west Asia based in the Gulf

under the direction of US Central Command. The force is commanded by Major-General Kurt Anderson of the US Air Force, stationed at Riyadh.

Apart from enforcing the no-fly zone, it is capable of conducting an air campaign against Iraqi targets if Baghdad needs to be compelled to comply with United Nations inspections.

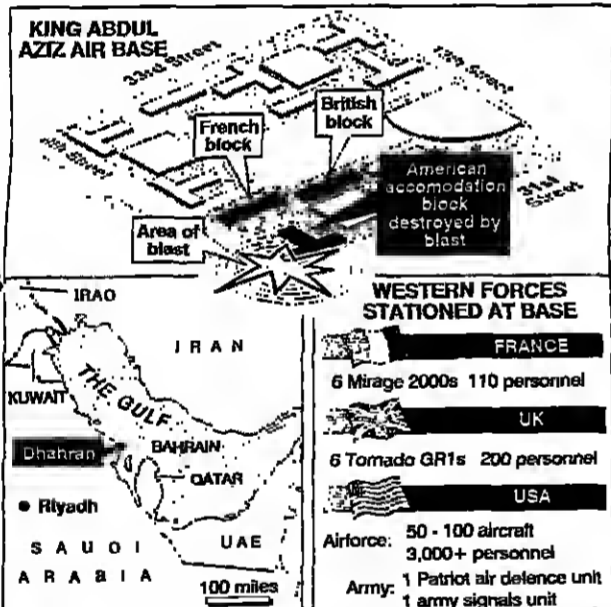
Although assets are based at different locations in the Arabian Gulf region, all the British and French aircraft are at Dhahran. Britain has six

Tornado GR1 bombers and about 200 RAF personnel at the base. France has six Mirage 2000 and 110 air force personnel. Their servicemen sleep in blocks about 300 yards from the American accommodation building which took the full force of the bomb on Tuesday night. There were

serious concerns last night over the security breach. Western diplomatic sources in Saudi Arabia said the perimeter was normally heavily guarded and yet the terrorists were able to park a lorry bomb within 35 yards of the accommodation compound, known as Khobar Towers.

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Christopher spurned by Cairo

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER

WARREN CHRISTOPHER, the US Secretary of State, found himself the target of Arab scorn yesterday when he arrived in Cairo having failed to secure any significant concessions from Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister.

A scheduled joint news conference after talks with President Mubarak of Egypt was scrapped without explanation and Cairo's semi-official papers - which faithfully reflect the Egyptian leader's views - launched a broadside against America.

The main daily *al-Ahram* accused Mr Christopher of blindly supporting Mr Netanyahu as he tore away the foundations of five years of Arab-Israeli peacemaking, laid at the 1991 peace conference in Madrid. "In the strangest press conference Netanyahu cancels all international agreements... and Christopher supports him," the paper declared in a front-page headline.

Jerusalem: Mr Netanyahu blamed Syria yesterday for a border attack in the Jordan valley, launched from Jordan, which killed three Israeli soldiers and wounded two others.

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Clinton declares there is no economic security unless industrial world stands up to forces of hatred

G7 vow to pursue terrorists

FROM PHILIP WEBSTER
IN LYONS
AND IAN BRODIE
IN WASHINGTON

JOHN MAJOR and President Clinton will discuss today international measures to track down the perpetrators of the bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

The Prime Minister will repeat the offer, made immediately after the bombing, for British assistance in the search for those responsible. He is also planning to bring Mr Clinton up to date on the latest developments in the Northern Ireland peace process after the Manchester bombing and to urge him to maintain the tough line he has taken against Sinn Féin.

The two leaders are to hold urgent talks in Lyons this afternoon shortly before the Group of Seven summit of the world's leading industrial nations gets under way.

The Dhahran blast has propelled terrorism up the agenda of the three-day gathering. Mr Major and Mr



A security sniffer dog at the G7 building in Lyons

Clinton are preparing to consider the effectiveness of proposals demanded last year at the G7 summit in Nova Scotia for better co-operation and the measures agreed at the international summit on terrorism at Sharm el Sheikh.

President Clinton, admitting he could think of little else in the wake of the Saudi bombing, said yesterday that he would make the defeat of international terrorism his

priority at the G7 meeting. "My first order of business will be to focus the strength and energy of the G7 on the continuing fight against terrorism," he said in a speech on the White House lawn.

"I will say to my G7 partners what I say to my fellow Americans: we cannot have economic security in a global economy unless we can stand against these forces of terrorism. The United States will lead the way and we expect our allies to walk with us hand in hand. We cannot tolerate this kind of conduct."

He said that the Dhahran attack underscored the struggle of all who believe in tolerance, freedom and security. The world faced a new peril that included rogue states such as Iran and Iraq, drug smugglers, those who deal in weapons of mass destruction and terrorists who strike not just in Saudi Arabia but also in the Tokyo subway, on the streets of London, in Israel and in America's heartland. Usually, he said, the instigators were "in the para-

lysing grip of religious, ethnic and racial hatred".

To meet these threats, he hoped to expand the US initiative launched at last year's G7 summit with a package of 40 recommendations to combat terrorism and organised crime. They include a "no where to hide" extradition agreement and new procedures to deal with forged travel documents and the smuggling of illegal aliens.

"Defeating these organised forces of destruction is one of the most important challenges our country faces," he said.

Mr Major condemned the Saudi bombing as an appalling act of pure evil. "I very much hope they find out who did it so that they can be punished," he declared.

However, the bombing is unlikely to prevent a serious clash between Mr Clinton and most of the other leaders over proposed American sanctions that could damage companies doing business with Libya, Iran and Cuba.

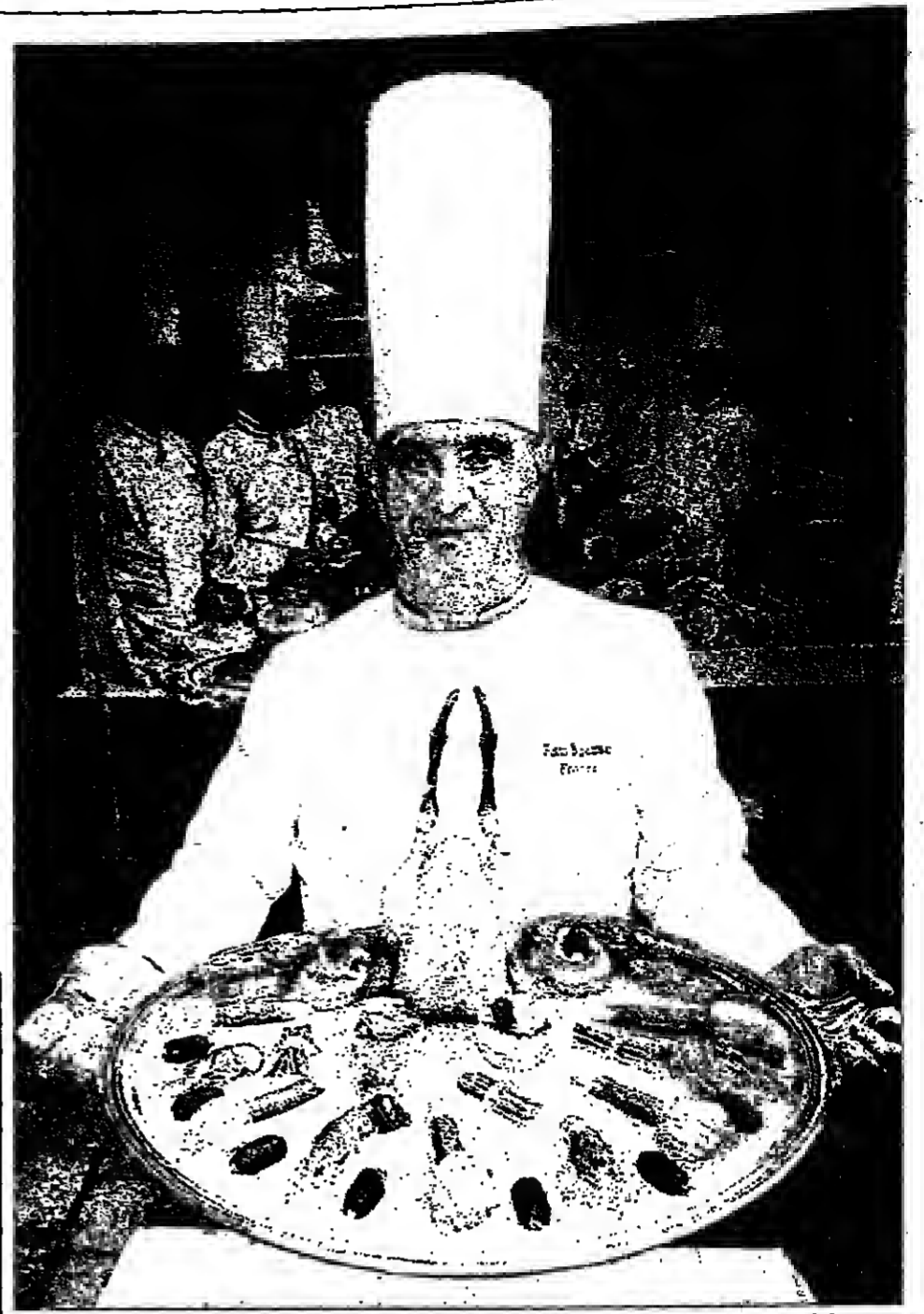
Mr Major will be among those protesting strongly to

Mr Clinton about the "extra-territorial" effect on the proposals for legal action in America against foreign companies and their executives.

The European Union summit in Florence last weekend threatened retaliation against America over the so-called Helms-Burton law which would punish non-US companies doing business with Cuba and similar legislation dealing with Iran and Libya. Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, told Mr Clinton last week it was wrong for America to attack its partners to reach its adversaries.

Although the summit communiqué almost certainly will fudge the sanctions dispute, President Chirac of France, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and Jean Chrétien, the Canadian Prime Minister, are also determined to raise their objections.

A British diplomat said yesterday: "We are waiting anxiously to learn of the President's intentions over the implementation of this law."



Paul Bocuse at his restaurant outside Lyons with his latest creation, G7 chicken, which combines specialities from the seven countries taking part in the summit

Chef makes diplomatic entrée

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PAUL BOCUSE, France's most celebrated chef, yesterday unveiled his latest culinary invention as leaders attending the summit of the Group of Seven industrialised nations in Lyons prepared to discuss the global economy.

Mr Bocuse will be preparing *Coq de Bresse Truffe G7 à la française* (French-style truffe-stuffed chicken) at his restaurant at Colloges-en-Mont-d'Or outside Lyons, as the city's chefs try to outdo one another in culinary inventiveness.

The G7 agenda includes discussion of markets, jobs,

the Third World and welfare, while the menu at tonight's six-course "working dinner" for heads of state, which is being produced by four three-star Michelin chefs, features such weighty matters as *Ravioli de légumes de Savoie*, *Quenelles aux écrevisses* and *Volaille de Bresse* washed down with Pouilly Fuisse and Muscadet champagne.

Official, for which Lyons is famous, is notably absent from the summit menus in the light of the "mad cow" crisis, but the city is going out of its way to ensure that whatever the political results, the

hordes of journalists and participants who are attending the three-day summit will not leave hungry.

Since March the local authorities have deployed 12 sanitary inspectors to ensure that local hostilities are meeting the required hygiene standards.

The inspectors found something to complain about in 83 of the 300 establishments checked, including a few isolated cases where British beef was still on offer — precisely the kind of undiplomatic entrée that the city is desperate to avoid.

Chirac to push for BSE research cash

BY BEN MACINTYRE

PRESIDENT CHIRAC announced yesterday he would press fellow world leaders to increase funding for medical research into epidemics such as "mad cow" disease, Aids and Ebola virus at the Lyons summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations.

In an interview published yesterday, the French President said that battling such epidemics should be made a priority, and gave a warning that "other diseases may be waiting in the shadows". He also singled out hepatitis C as a crucial area of medical research. "It is urgent that the major powers are aware of this problem at the highest political levels. The G7 summit gives us an opportunity," Mr Chirac said, adding that research into epidemic viruses and bacteria had been neglected in recent years.

The crisis over "mad cow" disease (BSE) has proved particularly devastating for farm-

ers in France, where beef sales have dropped by up to 40 per cent, according to latest figures. France's largest farm union yesterday condemned the European Union aid plan for beef producers as unsatisfactory and said that extra compensation was needed.

Mr Chirac also criticised America yesterday for failing to give sufficient help to developing countries and confirmed that he would make a central issue at the summit. "The current trend is for major nations, particularly the US, to pull out. This is unacceptable," Mr Chirac said.

His Foreign Minister, Hervé de Charette, said "the growth of selfishness of rich countries is becoming unbearable". He noted that while France and Japan give the largest amounts in development aid, the proportion of gross domestic product that America donates is dwindling.

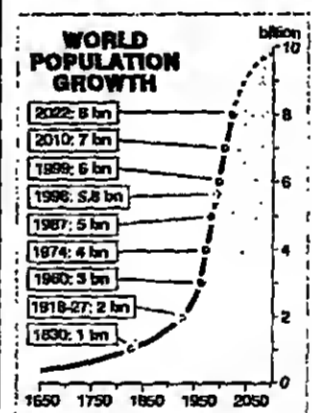
Bosnia faces sanctions

London: A threat could be issued at the G7 summit to reimpose sanctions on Serbia and on the Bosnian Serbs if Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, is not removed from power, Western diplomats said yesterday.

The summit, being attended by the five powers co-ordinating policy on Bosnia — America, Russia, France,

Germany and Britain — could act as early as next week if Dr Karadzic has not quit. Sanctions were lifted after November's Dayton peace accords were signed.

Dr Karadzic, indicted by the United Nations war crimes tribunal in The Hague, has defied efforts to remove him before Bosnia's elections, due in September.



Survival alert over population of 10bn

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A BALLOONING world population is taking such a heavy toll of the planet's resources that it is putting the survival of humankind in jeopardy, according to an international group of experts.

The number of human beings reached one billion in 1830, three billion by 1960 — and is now at 5.8 billion. Although the growth rate has begun to taper off, the planet is expected to have more than 10 billion people by the middle of the next century.

Economic systems need transforming to prevent rampant poverty, social divisions and environmental catastrophe, according to a three-year study by the Independent Commission on Population and Quality of Life, a body of politicians, economists, scientists and environmentalists.

The commission's report, *Caring for the Future*, launched in London yesterday, calls on governments to help to stabilise population growth by "massive efforts in health, education and the use of development assistance".

The group also wants a charge on all international financial deals, yielding up to £97 billion a year to pay for projects agreed at recent United Nations conferences on poverty and the environment.

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Gould: political scene is already transformed

THERE was a time when the rest of the world looked to New Zealand as the pioneer of egalitarianism and the welfare state. Today New Zealand attracts attention as the test bed for an experiment in aggressive free-market economics.

Observers abroad have been equally intrigued by another imminent change. On October 12, New Zealand — which has hitherto operated a Westminster-style, first past the post, essentially two-party system — will hold a general election under a new system of proportional representation called MMP. It will produce a parliament composed partly of constituency representatives and partly of members elected on national lists.

The economic reforms and the change in the electoral system are linked, but not quite in the way that the casual observer might sup-

As the British Labour Party proposes constitutional reform, Bryan Gould, a former Shadow Cabinet member, gives a warning of the unintended consequences it has brought to New Zealand

pose. The decision to go for proportional representation was not a confirmation of the impulse to radical change but a reaction against it.

The explanation for this is simple. What are now called the "New Right" reforms were initially driven through by a Labour Government which — from 1984 to 1990 — surprised most of its supporters with the speed and zeal of its abandonment of traditional Labour policy. When disgruntled voters decided they had had enough, and turned in 1990 to the only real alternative available under a two-party system, they discovered that they had jumped from the frying pan into the fire. The incoming National (Conservative) Government was even more committed than its Labour predecessors to the New Right reforms. The voters' confusion and unease at this sequence of events was compounded by

the realisation that the New Zealand constitution — largely unwritten, unicameral, and lacking in any of the usual checks and balances — offered them no protection against being hijacked by a small band of committed ideologues who could push through far-reaching "reforms" without having to bother too much with consensus-building.

Hence the appeal of being able to throw sand in the works. Offered the chance of electoral reform, the electorate voted for the chance to slow down the pace of change. MMP is one of the more bizarre options among PR

possibilities. Its arcane complexities are only dimly understood by most voters, but they have at least grasped that it will make life more difficult for the politicians.

Their expectations in this respect have already been met. Four months from the election, the political and parliamentary scene have already been transformed. The tactical manoeuvres dictated by MMP have produced defections from the governing party that have meant coalition government is already the order of the day.

Neither main party has shown much capacity to adapt

to the new situation. National, the governing party, is unlikely to win an outright majority and has been engaged in a bungled effort to find a post-election coalition partner. It has encouraged those of its supporters who are unlikely to win constituency seats to detach themselves and form separate parties. None of these barely legitimate offspring shows any sign of enough voter appeal to overcome the 5 per cent threshold that bars the way to list representation.

Labour has done even worse. Still struggling with the legacy of its surprising record in office and having suffered an earlier left-wing defection, Labour does not even have the comfort of waiting for government unpopularity to push the electoral pendulum in its direction. When the pendulum swings, it is likely to swing towards one of the newer parties.



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WORLD SUMMARY

Greece buries an icon

Athens: Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Socialist party leader and working class icon, was buried yesterday as his heirs prepared for a Homeric tussle for his larger-than-life mantle (John Carr writes).

Tens of thousands of mourners followed the bier as it left the main Athens Orthodox Cathedral. Ironically, the coffin of the man who spent most of his political career fighting the military establishment, was borne to its grave strapped to a gun carriage. Four ships full of mourners sailed overnight from Crete, a socialist bastion.

Kabul barrage kills 60 civilians

Islamic militants of the Taliban militia poured more than 300 rockets and shells into Kabul, killing 60 civilians and injuring more than 100, in one of the worst assaults in their year-long siege of the Afghan capital (Michael Dynes writes). The barrage coincided with the return to the city of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, who resumed his office as Prime Minister 30 months after his abortive attempt to seize power from President Rabbani.

Last Yiddish daily to close

Paris: *Unzer Wort* ("Our Word"), the world's last Yiddish daily newspaper, will close at the end of this month (Ben Macintyre writes). The newspaper, published in Paris since the end of the Second World War, was killed by rising costs and competition from larger French-language rivals. Several Yiddish periodicals still survive and a weekly newspaper is published in the United States.

Diana Ross's brother killed

New York: The decomposing bodies of Arthur "T Boy" Ross, 47, the brother of the singer Diana Ross, and an unidentified woman were found in a dilapidated suburban house in Detroit with three starving pit bull terriers (Tom Rhodes writes). The couple had been suffocated and police are seeking two people who had rented the house.

Clinton aide quits as inquiry begins into files scandal

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

NATIONALLY televised hearings into the "Filegate" scandal opened dramatically in Capitol Hill yesterday when the White House official most responsible announced his immediate resignation.

Craig Livingstone, the 37-year-old director of the Office of Personnel Security, said he accepted full responsibility for the ordering of FBI background files on hundreds of Republican officials. However, he insisted it was an "entirely innocent mistake" caused by using an out-of-date list to check people with White House access, and vehemently denied he had been digging for dirt on political foes.

Mr Livingstone, near tears, also complained bitterly at the way the media had made him an "object of ridicule" by portraying him as a bouncer-turned-political henchman when he had been merely seeking to serve his country. He becomes at least the fourth member of the Clinton White House to leave under an ethical cloud.

The start of the highly charged hearings were remarkable for the way past and present White House officials strove to present themselves as incompetent, the alternative being to admit that they had obtained the files for nefarious purposes.

Bernard Nussbaum, the former

White House counsel, William Kennedy, the former associate counsel, and Mr Livingstone all offered profuse apologies to the victims of what Louis Freeh, the FBI director, has labelled "egregious violations of privacy", but all three stood by President Clinton's description of the whole affair as a "bureaucratic snafu". A fourth witness, Anthony Marozza, who was Mr Livingstone's assistant, admitted before the hearings began that he had obtained 300 more files than the 400 already known of, including those of Brent Scowcroft and Robert Gates, President Bush's National Security Adviser and CIA director, respectively. Mr Marozza's goal was to show he was merely engaged in an indiscriminate bureaucratic process and not targeting particular Republicans.

But William Clinger, the committee's Republican chairman, cast the affair in a much more sinister light, suggesting Mr Livingstone had been doing the dirty work of someone at the top of the White House.

He demanded to know why Mr Livingstone — "a political operative with a dubious background" — had been given such a sensitive post, who employed him, and how he had escaped dismissal despite obvious instances of misman-

agement. "Who is Mr Livingstone's patron?", Mr Clinger asked.

He noted that Mr Livingstone worked on Mr Clinton's inauguration with Harry Thomsson, a Hollywood friend of the First Couple. Afterwards Mr Thomsson began pressing the Clintons to dismiss the seven-man White House Travel Office so he could take over its business. The office staff were dismissed, allegedly on Hillary Clinton's orders, and seven months later Mr Livingstone obtained the FBI file on Billy Dale, its director, in what Republicans believe was a highly improper retrospective attempt to justify his removal.

An FBI official who worked at the White House just before the dismissals has told congressional investigators that officials pumped him for confidential background information on Mr Dale, and Mr Clinger produced other documents showing "the White House was engaged in an effort to provide as much damaging information [as possible] about Billy Dale and his colleagues".

Despite the files issue and other scandals besetting the White House, Mr Clinton continues to maintain a 20-point lead over Bob Dole, a *New York Times* poll showed yesterday.



A witch doctor casts her vote outside Durban yesterday during local government elections in KwaZulu/Natal

Inkatha brings violence to ballot box

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN LINDELANI, NEAR DURBAN

IN A KwaZulu/Natal rural township not known for its political tolerance in recent years, the choice of headwear was lemping fate. As the young man approached the polling booth to cast his vote in yesterday's local government elections, supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party, incensed by his African National Congress baseball cap, set upon him.

Within moments the two sides of rival supporters were exchanging abuse and stones and only the timely interven-

tion of peace monitors prevented a man from being shot by an Inkatha supporter wielding a pistol. Fearful for their safety police whisked the ANC supporters from the scene in armoured vehicles.

Perched on a hillside peppered with palm trees and encircled by sugar cane, the tented polling station was set amid cement houses of Lindelani, a dusty township 40 miles along the north coast from Durban, which in recent years has come to resemble countless other trouble spots

in a province fought over since the mid-1980s by supporters of Chief Mangosuthu Buthe, Inkatha and the ANC.

"What happened here today goes to prove that despite what their leaders may say, Inkatha is not committed to peace," claimed Thulani Gumedde, the ANC candidate.

The ugly standoff and rhetoric in Lindelani appeared to fly in the face of recent upbeat talk in KwaZulu/Natal about the shift towards greater tolerance and peace before the twice-delayed poll.

Yet violence and killings have persisted in several areas in the run-up to polling day — 13 election candidates have been killed. Mary de Haas, an academic and violence monitor, said that under such circumstances it was unrealistic to expect these elections, especially in rural areas, to reflect the real will of the voters. "Anyone who has any contact on the ground knows that the situation has not really changed."

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Hong Kong apology for jailing child

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

IN A rare admission of serious error, the Hong Kong Government will today apologise for the 12-day imprisonment of a five-year-old Vietnamese refugee girl during a breakout from a detention camp. It will also recommend that at least two prison officers be punished for lying to their superiors about keeping the child separated from her parents.

Acting in part on information supplied by *The Times*, Chris Patten, the colony's Governor, ordered an investigation leading to today's report. The plight of the children forms part of the drama of the remaining 17,000 boat people in Hong Kong's detention camps, most of whom are refusing voluntary repatriation to Vietnam and are highly unpopular in the colony.

The girl, who was born in one of the camps and is named Hong Kong, was among a dozen children separated from their parents during the breakout from the Whitehead Camp on May 10. Brian Bresnihan, the senior Security Branch officer in charge of the Vietnamese refugees, told *The*

Times two weeks ago: "We are concerned about the time taken to reunite the two children and regret the anguish we have caused."

"The Correctional Services Division [who staff the detention camps] admit they are fully responsible."

It has now emerged that some division officers, who had been repeatedly told by

Hong Kong's parents that she was missing, knew that she had been taken to a prison when she was found wandering outside the camp during the breakout. These officers lied to their superiors, who then wrote a report for Mr Bresnihan.

The parents contacted Pam Baker, a British lawyer in Hong Kong who wrote to Mr Bresnihan. He was also given a letter written by Hong Kong's father to Amnesty International, saying he had appealed in vain to the guards to find his daughter.

Mr Bresnihan said yesterday the officers' punishment had not yet been decided.

The threat, which came a day after Spain's parliamentary political parties unanimously rejected an Eta offer of a week-long truce, was made in a letter to the Tour's director in Paris, Jean Marie Leblanc. Hundreds of posters have also appeared on streets in Pamplona, stating that the Tour was not welcome in "Euskal Herria", the national name for the Basque country.

Eta threat to Tour cyclists

Madrid: The Basque terrorist group Eta yesterday threatened attacks against competitors in this year's Tour de France if the organisers do not "recognise the identity of the Basques as a nation" before the race begins on Saturday (Tunku Varadarajan writes).

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US boss sacked over sex and fraud claims

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WESTBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

ASTRA AB, the Swedish drug company, sacked its American chief executive yesterday after allegations that he embezzled \$2 million (£1.3 million), pressured female workers into having sex and fostered a corporate culture of hard partying.

Astra also dismissed a second executive, and two others resigned. The company said it was co-operating with government agencies investigating the charges.

"Today's action brings to an end an unfortunate and distasteful chapter in the history of Astra USA," said C. J. Johansson, executive vice-president of the Swedish parent company. Lars Bildman, who was suspended in April as president and chief executive of Astra USA, was sacked without any financial compensation, the company said.

Mr Johansson said Mr Bildman went to great lengths to keep his behaviour secret, renting off-site office space to keep information from the parent company.

Three female former employees are taking legal action against the company, saying Mr Bildman fondled them or pressured them for sex. In May, *Business Week* magazine reported on a corporate culture of hard partying, allegedly fostered by Mr Bildman.

Mass death sentence in China

Peking: Chinese judges sentenced 769 convicted drug criminals to be executed or imprisoned for life at 62 mass rallies to mark international drug day yesterday, the state-run Xinhua news agency reported. The agency did not specify how many had been given the death penalty but, in common with other agencies, reported that at least 50 people had been immediately executed. (AP)

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Why the elderly do best in their own house

Home sweet home

THE IDEA that a judge could be loved by the general public would surprise old-fashioned lawyers and their clients, but Lord Denning, the former Master of the Rolls, has a special place in the country's affections.

Lord Denning is 97 and, as he proudly adds, a third. At the end of life, as in the nursery, every month counts and is recorded. Despite his age Lord Denning talks as fluently as ever about his long life: his childhood, schooling, the army on the Western Front in the First World War, and the law. He still remembers, and describes with remarkable clarity, his visits to his mother's home in Lincoln. For although he was brought up in Wessex, and still speaking with a Wessex burr, it was his mother who, hardened by east-coast winds, was the dominant force in his early family life.

Lord Denning is becoming physically frail but is still independent. He is able to walk for a few steps in the garden each day with the help of a stick in one hand, and his other arm held by a helper. The former judge's life centres on his house, where he claims to have the best private law library in the country. At home he enjoys entertaining his friends and family in his drawing-room, and still insists on going upstairs to bed. Unfortunately all three rooms — his library, his sitting-room and his bedroom — around which his days revolve are on different levels, and separate flights of stairs have to be negotiated to go from one to the other.

For a man who was a Royal Engineer and had built bridges and tunnelled in dark trenches on the battlefield during the final advance in France after August 1918, the problem of the stairs didn't seem insurmountable. Lord Denning decided that if he



MEDICAL BRIEFING
Dr Thomas Stuttford

was to stay at home he would have to invest in stair lifts, and his house now has three which transport him in safety from his books to his friends or to bed.

Fractures from accidents in the home are a constant threat to older people, and their seriousness is underrated. No part of the house is more dangerous than its stairs and steps: the installation of the lift reduces this danger. The statistics of falls are frightening. Usually it is the hip which breaks, and between 12 and 20 per cent of these patients die within a year: the greater the age the greater the mortality. But many of those who survive both the fall and surgery are thereafter unable to live without nursing help.

The Dennings are a long-lived family. One brother was killed 80 years ago this month on the Somme while serving in the Lincolnshire regiment, and another was killed in the Navy; but of those who survived the war, one became a general who lived to be 95 and the other, an admiral, died when he was nearly 80.

There are many similar families, and people, who have every hope of pushing their pension funds, and being happy and fulfilled, if only they can find the right place to spend their old age.

The increasing cost of living in old people's homes, which under the new regulations can devour a lifetime's savings as well as the cash from the sale of the family house in a year or two, makes modification of an existing house so that frailty may be accommodated a financial as well as medical priority. Living at home, with friends and family visiting, books to read and a garden to admire, will keep Alzheimer's at bay by providing the necessary intellectual stimulation.

X-ray workers and their offspring



RADIOLOGISTS, radiographers and others working in X-ray departments take great precautions to avoid unnecessary exposure to radiation. Everyone in contact with X-rays wears protective clothing and shelters behind screens during the taking of the film.

It has been feared for at least 40 years that the possible danger of radiation might not only affect those who work with X-rays — Madame Curie was one of the early casualties — but also their children.

Research workers have recently investigated the health of the children of more than 6,500 radiographers and have published their survey in the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*.

The results of the research are reassuring. The children of radiographers seem to be no more likely than those born to comparable groups to suffer from congenital malformation, from leukaemia or from other childhood malignancies. The absence of any correlation between radiography and childhood disease applied equally well whether the radiographers were working full or part-time.

New treatment for a taboo problem



ANAL fissures are rarely, if ever, discussed in the health pages of magazines or newspapers, yet they are frequently a reason why patients visit their doctors. These acutely painful anal tears or ulcers bleed and cause the muscles of the sphincter to go into spasm, which increases the discomfort and prevents its healing.

As a first line of treatment the patient is given mild laxatives such as Fybogel and bland suppositories. Local anaesthetics were once commonly prescribed but these can result in rashes and other problems of sensitivity. Previously if the fissure became chronic, surgery was recommended. The surgeon cut a few muscle fibres in the sphincter so that spasm was prevented and the tear could heal.

The *British Journal of Surgery* has recently reported an alternative treatment. Instead of cutting the muscle fibres, the patient is prescribed an ointment containing glyceryl trinitrate, usually used to control angina. This relaxes the muscle and the fissure heals. The trial was a small one but the results were considered good enough to warrant more extensive research.

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Jackie Jack today and, below, in her Sixties modelling heyday: "Life's too short to be angry. I have a wonderful family and millions of friends"

United in the war on cancer

A Sixties model is one of a group refusing to give in to myeloma. Jeremy Laurance reports

She has appeared on catwalks across the world but today Jackie Jack is on a different stage. She is not posing at the camera, sashaying down the street or swinging thigh-high boots across the arm of a sofa. She is describing what it is like to confront her own mortality. Jackie has myeloma, a rare cancer of the bone marrow, and so does her audience — 300 fellow sufferers and their spouses meeting for the first time at the Royal College of Physicians. There is a unique bond, a compulsive appetite for information that might help in their battle for life.

As a fashion model in the 1960s, Jackie — née Bowyer — was equally dazzled by the flashy glamour of East End hoodlums and the opulent style of West End aristos. She drank cocktails in New York with the Queen Mother and waterskied in St Tropez with the Great Train Robbers. Her husband, Peter Scott — the second of four — was a cat burglar who earlier this year published his autobiography, *Gentleman Thief*.

"Modelling was a different sort of business in those days. There was a pub in Belgravia called The Star. You'd see the Burtons in there, Richard Harris, an inspector from Scotland Yard in one corner, a burglar and a model in another."

Jackie, whose looks were once compared to those of the Italian filmstar Claudia Cardinale, was Vidal Sassoon's house model and did long seasons at Harrods. When her career wound down in the 1970s she had a baby — the first of three — and devoted herself to her family. Then, in 1993, myeloma struck.

Myeloma is a fatal cancer. There is no cure. It affects more than 3,000 people in the UK each year. Some die quickly while others survive for many years. But every sufferer knows the bell is tolling.

It is how sufferers cope with this knowledge, and with the disease, that differs. For this event, Jackie has

agreed to be interviewed in front of the audience by Professor Anthony Clare, giving a live performance of the BBC Radio 4 programme *In the Psychiatrist's Chair*.

How had she felt when she learnt she had cancer? "I am a very positive person. There are many things in life you can't change — you can only help them. You have to take things as they come."

But the diagnosis must have come as a shock? "No, it was a relief. I had 24 fractures in two years. Every time I coughed or sneezed I would break another rib. I was fed up dragging myself round private specialists. I thought, oh well, at least I've got something."

Was she angry? "Life's too short. I have a wonderful husband and a family and millions of friends. There is no point in not making the most of it."

Her turbulent life has given her the emotional strength to deal with this crisis. Yellowing newspaper cuttings from the 1960s reveal a woman who played fast and loose. On one occasion she was prosecuted for obstructing police officers chasing her errant husband by clinging to a door. "I've had a lot of hassle and upset, but if I have a problem on Monday, by Wednesday I am looking for the next one."

It is a bravura performance delivered with zest and good humour. But as Dr Clare invites comments from the floor, the atmosphere is subdued, as if no one can quite match Jackie's feisty attitude.

"We were surprised by the lack of criticism," says Dr Ray Powles, in charge of the myeloma unit at the Royal Marsden hospital, London, and organiser of the conference. "Perhaps people felt they wanted to be positive because this is the first time such an event has been held outside the United States. The idea is to help sufferers and their families to become more actively involved in the decisions that are taken about their treatment and care."



Members of the International Myeloma Foundation flew over from America to help the Royal Marsden to organise the event. Susi Novis, its president, whose husband Brian was co-founder of the foundation before his death from myeloma aged 33, says: "When my husband was diagnosed we knew nothing about the disease. We thought, what the hell is it and what do we do about it? Then, later, we thought, wouldn't it be a great idea for patients to meet with the professionals to discuss it?"

The foundation has now held six seminars throughout the US. Such has been the enthusiasm for the idea that a dozen American sufferers flew here

to share the British experience. Ms Novis says: "You can see that you are not alone. The way to feel better as a patient is to find out about the disease so you can make choices. But everybody's agenda — what they want out of life — is different."

Encouraging news that a cure may be in sight comes from Dr Powles. Until ten years ago, no one with myeloma went into remission. Now half of all patients at the Marsden do. "In all the blood cancers the starting point for a cure was getting patients into remission. Then you can start to devise strategies. We are where we were with leukaemia in the 1970s, and we would expect a cure to follow."

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Closing ranks on Eton's outcast

Was Anthony Chenevix-Trench fired as Head Master because he indulged in the cane and the bottle? Marcus Scriven reports

The epitaph, belated, ugly and unexpected, appeared two years ago. It was then, in an authorised history of Eton, that its Vice Provost, Tim Card, disclosed that the late Anthony Chenevix-Trench had not resigned as the school's Head Master — as had been claimed at the time — but had been forced out.

'He was not, dare I say it, a natural Etonian head'

Eton's Fellows, Card explained, had come to believe that Chenevix-Trench was irredeemably flawed by a predilection for the cane — made harder to mask by his liking for the bottle. "He regarded corporal punishment not as the last resort but almost as the first," wrote Card, who recorded that he had once been heard to remark: "A good thing the NSPCC does not know about this." His presence at the school threatened scandal. So he had to go.

His former pupils — from Eton, Shrewsbury, Bradford and Fettes — were divided. David Tredinnick, an Old Etonian, now Tory MP for Bosworth, said his Head Master had been "on the side of the angels"; Paul Foot, who had known him at Shrewsbury, called him an "absolutely revolting and poisonous man, a sadist and a pervert".

Now Mark Peel, a master at Fettes, has written a biography of Chenevix-Trench in which he emerges as a complex figure: an exceptional pedagogue who detested wasted talent; a diverting conversationalist, superb in interview, who nevertheless lacked self-confidence, and desperately needed to be liked; an essentially conservative man who infuriated Old Etonian elements by minor reforms.



Happier days: Anthony Chenevix-Trench with his wife Elizabeth and their two children in 1958, left; and in his study as the newly installed Head Master of Eton in 1964

Believe I have met a prophet, a practical, pragmatic teacher, who has it in his heart to inspire and transform our society through our children." Yet disaster followed. At Bradford, Chenevix-Trench had always set great store on knowing every boy in the school. At Eton (with 1,200 pupils) this was not only impossible, it was also resented by the housemasters who enjoyed great autonomy.

In these circumstances, his insecurity, his need to be liked, was disastrous. On occasions, he promised the same job to two or more masters; he wavered too long over decisions, and, having made them, failed to seek out sufficient support to ensure their implementation.

One OE of the time recalls: "He wasn't, dare I say it, what I'd call a natural Etonian Head Master. He didn't have that easy manner which... is the distinguishing mark of the Old Etonian." Perhaps for the first time, his diminutive stature gave

him pause for thought. On more than one occasion, he was mistaken for the butler. His nickname, Chummy, was more likely to be overlaid with mild contempt than affection. "The spectrum of Etonians is wider than I had expected," he once said. "The best are beyond praise. The worst are more bloody than one could possibly imagine."

His other reforms were better judged than his attempt to do away with the tail coat: subjects like English and geography were encouraged; boys were obliged to attend one service in chapel rather than two; a form of social service was introduced, with Etonians visiting the elderly or teaching immigrant children.

Inevitably, though, while these developments appeared intolerable to the old guard, they were inconsequential to Etonians growing up in the

Sixties. One recalls: "Everything was being questioned. We all wanted to grow our hair, we all wanted to smoke dope, to listen to the Rolling Stones playing in Hyde Park. He was on shifting ground but he had to hold the line." In the end, it was unwillingness in one house, leading to the expulsion of three boys, which proved Chenevix-Trench's undoing. Rather than remove the housemaster, he offered Eton's Provost, Lord Caccia, his own resignation. Caccia brushed it aside. When trouble flared in the house again, he sacked the housemaster. Walls were emblazoned with slogans demanding that Chenevix-Trench go.

It was characteristically maladroit management and, taken with the rumours about his propensity to beat his pupils, as well as incidents when he had apparently been

the worse for drink, it was enough to persuade the Fellows that he had lost his grip. In 1969, a letter to parents announced his "retirement". Just how much Chenevix-Trench's taste for corporal punishment counted against him may never be known. According to Peel, there will certainly never be any agreement about what inspired it. "There are those who thought that it was simply what happened at the time; there are those who thought that he enjoyed it but so what? And there were those who thought there was something more sinister in it."

Peel's own conclusion is that there was "legitimate criticism: he would mix justice with enthusiasm". It does not, however, eclipse his admiration for a man who, whatever his faults, believed

fervently in the capacity for good in all those whom he taught, and who so often helped them to release it. Chenevix-Trench died, aged only 60, at Fettes a few weeks before he was due to retire. His abrupt departure from Eton had tainted his name with failure. But his career is more fairly judged by his many unheralded successes, when, in Peel's words, he found "the illusive spark which enabled each individual to find his special work".

Among the many former pupils at his funeral was David McAree, who flew back for it from the Far East. McAree's First at Oxford must have given Chenevix-Trench special satisfaction: it was only at his insistence that the boy had been accepted for Fettes, after another school expelled him.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 26: His Excellency Sir Satnam Bhatia was received in audience by the Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Mauritius in London. Lady Bhatia was also received by Her Majesty.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, will give a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.00; and will give a dinner at St James's Palace at 8.00.

Luncheons

Carlton Club The Hon William Wedderburn, MP, The Hon William Wedderburn, MP, will give a luncheon at the Carlton Club held yesterday at the club.



A familiar face looks down on Antonia Hymd of Musselburgh, Scotland, who received her degree at Durham University yesterday.

The sweet smell of summer

BY ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

HEAVY scents of sweet peas, carnations, roses and other summer flowers fill the air at the Royal Horticultural Society's Wisley Flower Show.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.R.A. Aisher and Miss J.M.F. Burton The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs R.B. Aisher, of Penhurst, Kent, and Julia May, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.M.M.F. Burton, of Byford, Herefordshire.

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Today's birthdays

Mr Michael Alison, MP, 70; the Right Rev Leonard Ashwin, 81; Mrs Beth Chitto, horticulturist, 73; the Marquess of Cholmondeley, 36; Mr David Clelland, MP, 53; Mr Alan Coren, writer and broadcaster, 53; Miss Brenda Cowdery, former general secretary, R.I.L.F. Friendly Society, 71; Mr R.L.L. Guthrie, former Chief Charity Commissioner, 54; Vice-Admiral Sir Roy Halliday, 73; Mr Rupert Hambro, chairman, D.J. Hambro & Co., 53; Lord Hope of Craighead, 55; Mr Bruce Johnston, singer, 52; Mr Robert King, conductor of baroque music, 36; Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, 50; Mr Bruce McGowan, former Headmaster, Haberdern, Askle's School, 72; Mr Duncan Robinson, director, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, 53; Professor Thurstan Shaw, archaeologist, 52; the Very Rev A.C. Warren, Provost Emeritus of Leicester, 64; Mr William Wilson, Chief Constable, Central Scotland, 33; Mr Hugh Wynn, MEP, 30.

Leonard Cheshire Foundation

At the Annual General Meeting of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation, held in London on June 26, the appointment of Baroness Ryder of Warsaw, C.M.G., O.B.E., as the Foundation's first President, was announced.

Memorial services

Sir Stephen Miller The Queen was represented by Mr Patrick Holmes, Surgeon-General, at a dinner in honour of Sir Stephen Miller, former Surgeon-Oculist to the Queen, held yesterday at the Church of All Souls, Langham Place, Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Mrs Sister-in-law, Mr Richard Miller, QC, sons, read the lessons, Mr Michael Miller, William Shakespeare and Mr Michael Sanders paid tribute. The King and Queen of Jordan were represented by the Ambassador of Jordan, Among those present were...

South Hampstead High School

All old girls are invited to celebrate the 120th birthday of South Hampstead, at a tea party on Wednesday, July 3, 1996, at 4pm at the school, 25 Mansfield Gardens, NW3. Please ring the school on 0171 435 2899.

Forces appointments

Royal Navy and Royal Marines COMMANDER: M B Alabaster - MOD London 23.9.96; S J Dyer - Staff of FOST Devonport 6.9.96; A D Fisher - Portsmouth 6.12.96; R W Fraser - MOD London 11.6.96; G Marshall - Staff of ZSL/ZNH - 18.6.96; M St C Armitage - Bracknell 15.11.96; R B Steer - 15.11.96; J S C Dodd - Bath 1.10.96; S J Jagger - MOD Bath 28.9.96; P R A Jagger - MOD Bath 12.7.96; H J Ledingham - HQ Salisbury 24.9.96; C J Longbottom - Bristol 18.9.96; S MacFarlane - 18.10.96; J C Scoble - Dryad 22.11.96; D M Swain - JMODS Northwood 22.7.96; N J Ward - PIHQ Northwood 20.8.96; C D Waters - Abney Wood 20.8.96. CHAPLAIN: G S Peters - Devonport 5.6.96. LOCAL LIEUTENANT COLONEL: T A Phipps - HQRM 22.10.96. Royal Air Force WING COMMANDER: S E Wood - HQPTC 20.5.96; S R Sims - MOD AF/RS 20.5.96. Royal Navy and Royal Marines CAPTAIN: N S R Kilgour - PIHQ

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Stewart Farrell, leader for Irish home rule, Avonville, Co Wicklow, 1846; Helen Keller, blind and deaf scholar and educator, Tuscombiana, Alabama, 1880; Sir John Monash, general and engineer, Melbourne, 1865. DEATHS: Giorgio Vasari, artist and writer, Florence, 1574; Nicholas Tindal, historian, London, 1774; James Smithson, scientist, Genoa, 1829; John Murray, publisher, 1902. The first nuclear power station, opened in Obninsk, 55 miles from Moscow, 1954.

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MARRIAGES CROOKS-YANG - On June 26, 1996, at St James's Palace, Andrew Yang to Yee Fong Crooks-Yang. BIRTHS BISHOP - To Tara and Robert, a daughter, Lucy Beth Macdonald, on 18th June 1996. BRYAN - On June 24th at the Portland Hospital, in Stuen (John Carter) and the second beautiful son, William Roy Halliday, 73; Mr Rupert Hambro, chairman, D.J. Hambro & Co., 53; Lord Hope of Craighead, 55; Mr Bruce Johnston, singer, 52; Mr Robert King, conductor of baroque music, 36; Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, 50; Mr Bruce McGowan, former Headmaster, Haberdern, Askle's School, 72; Mr Duncan Robinson, director, Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, 53; Professor Thurstan Shaw, archaeologist, 52; the Very Rev A.C. Warren, Provost Emeritus of Leicester, 64; Mr William Wilson, Chief Constable, Central Scotland, 33; Mr Hugh Wynn, MEP, 30.

DEATHS CROOKER - James William Crooker, 72, died on June 26, 1996, at his home, 17th Grosvenor Road, Chichester. He was a retired teacher and a member of the Chichester Diocesan Society. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and three children. Funeral service at 11.30 am on Tuesday, July 2, at St Andrew's Church, Chichester. Donations to the Chichester Diocesan Society, c/o St Andrew's Church, Chichester, West Sussex. GASTON - Margaret Elizabeth Gaston (nee Crooker), 82, died on June 26, 1996, at her home, 17th Grosvenor Road, Chichester. She was a retired teacher and a member of the Chichester Diocesan Society. She is survived by her husband, John, and three children. Funeral service at 11.30 am on Tuesday, July 2, at St Andrew's Church, Chichester. Donations to the Chichester Diocesan Society, c/o St Andrew's Church, Chichester, West Sussex. HARRIS - Paul on June 26th, 1996, peacefully at home, 25th St. Paul's, London. He was a retired teacher and a member of the Chichester Diocesan Society. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and three children. Funeral service at 11.30 am on Tuesday, July 2, at St Andrew's Church, Chichester. Donations to the Chichester Diocesan Society, c/o St Andrew's Church, Chichester, West Sussex.

DEATHS SAMUEL - On June 26th, 1996, at his home, 24th St. Paul's, London. He was a retired teacher and a member of the Chichester Diocesan Society. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and three children. Funeral service at 11.30 am on Tuesday, July 2, at St Andrew's Church, Chichester. Donations to the Chichester Diocesan Society, c/o St Andrew's Church, Chichester, West Sussex. WHITE - Sidney Arthur (Chalky) White, 82, died on June 26, 1996, at his home, 17th Grosvenor Road, Chichester. He was a retired teacher and a member of the Chichester Diocesan Society. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and three children. Funeral service at 11.30 am on Tuesday, July 2, at St Andrew's Church, Chichester. Donations to the Chichester Diocesan Society, c/o St Andrew's Church, Chichester, West Sussex.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES MALLET - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Peter Mallet will be held on Tuesday 27th June 1996 at 11.00 am in the Church of St. Andrew, Birdeau Walk, London, SW1. DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES HOBBATH-CHAPMAN - On June 27th, 1996, at her home, 27th June 1936. FLATSHARE BAYSWATER comfortable house, flat for rent near Victoria Station. WHITE - Sidney Arthur (Chalky) White, 82, died on June 26, 1996, at his home, 17th Grosvenor Road, Chichester. He was a retired teacher and a member of the Chichester Diocesan Society. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and three children. Funeral service at 11.30 am on Tuesday, July 2, at St Andrew's Church, Chichester. Donations to the Chichester Diocesan Society, c/o St Andrew's Church, Chichester, West Sussex.

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR WILLIAM WALSH

William Walsh, Professor of Commonwealth Literature, Leeds University, 1972-84, died on June 23 aged 80. He was born on February 23, 1916.



AS SCHOLAR of integrity and firmness of mind, William Walsh had read English at Downing College, Cambridge, under F. R. Leavis. But though always holding his mentor in great esteem he was able in his own criticism to embody the Master's intellectual rigour without falling prey to his sometimes strident fanaticism.

A follower of Leavis, he yet never became the stereotypical "Leavisite" — one of that intolerant army of academic thought police who made life so trying (and confusing) for undergraduates in English departments in Britain and the Commonwealth for a number of years after Leavis himself had been tossed out of Downing in the early 1960s. Thus, on lecture tours abroad, Walsh was always able to be an effective ambassador for the Leavis critical method, without spoiling his assertions with the famous Leavis dogmatism. As a lecturer he was fluent, witty and ironical and, above all, persuasive to a high degree.

Walsh drew his strength from the fact that, unlike Leavis, he was a man of catholic interests and varied abilities. His critical sympathies were broader and more generous, as is evident from the remarkable range of writers he wrote upon — from Coleridge through R. K. Narayan to Patrick White.

He had been responsible for the good early criticism of Commonwealth literature, and was appointed Britain's first Professor of Commonwealth Literature in 1972. He came to this after a spell in the chair of Education at Leeds, held from the young age of 41, and he was also one of the founding directors of Yorkshire TV.

William Walsh graduated from Downing in 1943. Later, acknowledging Leavis's decisive influence on his development, he was to write the first full-scale biography, *F. R. Leavis* (1980), of his tutor (and later, friend). It was a sympathetic but balanced study, generously ascribing Leavis's later cantankerousness to frustrated integrity.

Like many of Leavis's pupils, Walsh turned schoolmaster after graduating, and was senior English master at

Raynes Park County Grammar School from 1945 to 1951, while completing a part-time MA in education at London University. He then took up a lectureship in education at the University College of North Staffordshire (later Keele University) where he spent two years from 1951 to 1953, before going to Edinburgh, also as a lecturer in education.

In 1957 he was appointed to the chair and permanent headship in the Department of Education at Leeds, which he was to hold until 1972. This was an important tenure. He did much to strengthen the department's academic standing, and facilitated its swift expansion to meet the rapidly growing demand for teachers of that period.

Walsh published vigorously during his time at Leeds. His first book, *Use of Imagination* (1959), was followed by *A Human Idiom* (1965) which dealt, in the Leavis tradition, with literature and its place in an educated society. But his central interest during his period in the Department of Education

was Coleridge. His *Coleridge: The Work and the Relevance*, published in 1967, dealt persuasively with his prose — including letters and notebooks — as well as his poetry, to create a study which enabled the reader to feel its subject as a living being.

In his fifties Walsh turned to the emergent study of Commonwealth literature, and his first book in the field, *A Monifold Voice*, appeared in 1970. A series of critical essays on writers from India, Africa, the West Indies, Australia, New Zealand and Canada, it was greeted by one reviewer with what must be the exceedingly rare accolade: "...one rarely nowadays encounters a critic who writes well enough himself to make one accept his right to criticise". In 1970, too, Walsh was appointed Australian Commonwealth Visiting Fellow. He already had strong links with Canada.

His appointment to the newly created chair in Commonwealth Literature in the School of English in 1972 was an imaginative one on the university's

part. But the school gained a first-rate administrator, who was head of department for six years during a period of financial stringency, and a scholar who was advancing the cause of this new subject by a series of books as well as visits to Commonwealth countries.

Among these were his *R. K. Narayan* (1972) for the British Council's *Writers and their Work* series; *V. S. Naipaul* (1972); *Commonwealth Literature* (1973); *Patrick White: Voss* (1973) and his fiction at large, *Patrick White's Fiction* (1977). He also published the first study of his long-standing friend, D. J. Enright (1974) and a book on Keats (1981). He then published a major study *R. K. Narayan: A Critical Appreciation* (1982). In these years he was also an active reviewer in a wide range of periodicals. In retirement he wrote *Indian Literature in English* (1990), a book which is regularly cited in bibliographies and student reading lists.

He served Leeds University long and diligently. From the time of his arrival in 1957 he was an almost permanent member of the Senate, serving at some point on every major committee and many others besides (at one time the administration reckoned that he was on thirty). On the death while in office, of the Vice-Chancellor, Lord Boyle, he was, though on the point of retirement, called back as acting vice-chancellor for two years, 1981-83.

He could hardly have taken the post at a more critical moment. It was the time of radical changes of thinking, at national level, about the funding and the purposes of universities. Along with other, similar institutions, Leeds had not perhaps realised at that moment just how far-reaching the changes were, or how severe was the consequent reduction in funding. Walsh was able to maintain morale, to keep the university solvent, and to hand over to his successor a tight ship with a healthy, if smaller, complement.

When later he received a richly deserved honorary degree, his presenter likened him to Cincinnatus. "Called from the plough to deliver his country from danger, he then laid down his office and returned to the plough." It was a fitting tribute to one who, beneath all his flamboyance, was at heart a modest man.

He is survived by his wife May, and a son and a daughter.

VERONICA GUERIN

Veronica Guerin, Journalist, was killed in Dublin yesterday aged 33. She was born in 1963.



UNCOMPROMISING in her determination to uncover the truth, Veronica Guerin was an award-winning Irish journalist who put a sharply honed investigative mind to work to expose some of the most nefarious criminal networks in Dublin. Writing weekly in the *Sunday Independent*, she portrayed the capital's underworld, describing its denizens through the use of nicknames — the Monk, the Walrus or the Penguin, for example — to evade libel laws. Chiefly she traced the sordid circles of drug dealing rings, although sometimes her investigations took her into territories overshadowed by the IRA's terrorist threat.

Guerin knew the details of many who felt severely compromised by her knowledge. She was a victim of a number of threatening attacks. Two years ago bullets shattered the windows of her cottage at Cloughrath. Only a few months later she was wounded in the leg by a lone gunman to whom she had unwittingly opened her door. Another time she was viciously attacked after directly confronting a gangland leader with a barrage of hard hitting questions. Yesterday she was gunned down as her car drew up at traffic lights.

Veronica Guerin had not always inhabited the dangerous world of the crime report-

er. She trained first as an accountant, but her strongest interests seemed to lie in the political realm. She was an ardent member of Fianna Fail in the early 1980s and when Charles Haughey was leader of the Opposition she worked as a researcher at the New Ireland Forum. She set up her own public relations firm before moving into journalism and taking a job first with *The Sunday Business Post* and then the *Sunday Tribune*. Her first scoop came with this second paper when she uncovered the whereabouts of Bishop Eamonn Casey in Ecuador, which eventually led to the securing of an interview. She joined the *Sunday Independent* as a crime specialist but was seldom to be found in the newsroom. She preferred to work alone and developed a good relationship with the police. Last year she was awarded the International Press Freedom Award. Outside her work she was a keen sportswoman and a former Irish international in football and basketball. She is survived by her husband Graham, and by their son.

NORMA TEAGARDEN

Norma Teagarden, jazz pianist, died in San Francisco on June 5 aged 88. She was born in Vernon, Texas, on April 29, 1911.



Jack and Norma Teagarden, 1957

NORMA TEAGARDEN was the last survivor of one of the most musical families in jazz history. Her brothers Jack, Charlie and Cubby were all musicians, and her mother, Helen, was a ragtime pianist and teacher. Owing to Jack's fame as the most original of early white jazz trombonists, and his work with such luminaries as Louis Armstrong, Paul Whiteman and Bix Beiderbecke, Norma's career has been overlooked by many jazz historians and critics, not least because most of her best playing on record was as a member of her brother's band.

Yet she revealed herself as a magnificent swinging jazz pianist on her West Coast residencies in the 1970s and 1980s and on her 1986 British tour. She was capable of everything from rousing boogie-woogie to the gentle ragtime taught to her as a child by her mother. A recording of her version of *Little Rock Getaway*, with Jack Teagarden's Orchestra from March 1945 shows she had all the strength needed to hold her own in a big band.

Norma Louise Teagarden was born in the region called the Texas panhandle. Her father died while she was still a child, and eventually she moved with her mother to Oklahoma City. This was one of the areas where the so-called "territory bands" worked, touring the South and West and bringing jazz to a public generally starved of live entertainment. Like her brother Jack, who went on the road with territory bands led by pianist Peck Kelly and trumpeter Doc Ross, Norma found work in touring orchestras; but the first group she worked with in 1929 was based in New Mexico. Returning to Oklahoma in the 1930s she ended up leading her own band, garnering plenty of experience, but working for tiny wages during the Depression.

In the early 1940s, the whole family moved to Los Angeles, and Norma found work in San Pedro and Long Beach, playing with her own group

and backing floorshows. She went on the road with Jack's big band from late 1943 to 1946, making her first records for Commodore in December 1944, including *Big "T" Blues*, in which Jack compliments her on her blues piano playing.

She endured the band's gruelling itinerary, made worse as the US call-up robbed them of players just as they had learnt the arrangements, and because of her brother's naive management.

She left Jack's group, formed her own band and worked in and around Los Angeles with Dixieland bands like those of Mary Mallock and Ben Pollack, until she went on the road with Ada Leonard, who led an all-female band, in 1949.

Jack's big band had left him debt-ridden. Although he wiped some of this off, while a member of Louis Armstrong's All Stars, he reformed a small group of his own in the early 1950s primarily to try to settle his debts. Norma joined Jack

and again toured and recorded with him, notably in late 1953 when her other brother Charlie played trumpet. The family were reunited one more time on record in 1963, not long before Jack's death, when they recorded at Monterey and their mother also appeared briefly.

Norma left Jack's band, when she married John Friedlander. Marriage almost ended her playing career, although she continued to teach the piano. In 1975 she accepted an offer to play on a jazz cruise, and for over a decade afterwards came out of retirement to work regularly mainly at the Washington Bar and Grill. She recorded in The Netherlands on one European visit and also brought her group, the Marin County Band, to England. She recorded infrequently, and felt that since she did not have to play to live she would only play as long as she enjoyed it. Fortunately for all the admirers of her playing she continued to enjoy it well into the 1990s.

LORD ROTHERWICK

Lord Rotherwick, shipping magnate, died on June 11 aged 83. He was born on December 5, 1912.

LORD ROTHERWICK received unsought publicity eight years ago when he lost his fight to restrict public access to Wychwood Forest — 1,500 acres of ancient woodland on his Oxfordshire estate Cornbury Park, Oxfordshire County Council was granted the right, following a public inquiry, to open a mile-long footpath through the trees in one of the last stretches of the primeval forest which had once covered much of southern England.

Access had previously been allowed only on Palm Sunday, and the change was hailed as a great victory by The Ramblers Association. The aggrieved peer then caused more controversy by demanding £10m in compensation. The county council, taken aback,

offered £25,000, and the matter has been disputed ever since. Lord Rotherwick was to die with it still unresolved. But he had already earned a reputation as a shrewd and perceptive investor and manager of money.

He had been born (Herbert) Robin Cayzer on the Lanfines estate, then owned by his family in Scotland. The Cayzers (originally from Normandy) had moved north from Cornwall before Robin's grandfather had brought them fame and fortune by founding the Clan Shipping line in the last century. The first Lord Rotherwick, however, was Robin's father who had become a Conservative MP and been made a peer for political services before the last war.

Young "Bunny" — his mother's nickname for him which stuck throughout his life — was such a delicate baby that it was thought he would not survive being baptised in



church. The ceremony was carried out at home with a silver cup acting as the font. For similar reasons, he was held back from Eton for two years. But he overcame such health problems. He became games captain of his house at Eton and was later an accomplished foxhunter and point-to-point rider. He was also bright enough to win a place at Christ Church, Oxford, to read classics.

On graduating, he joined the family firm and served his apprenticeship at various branches of Clan Line Steamers in this country and South Africa before being caught up by the Second World War. Commissioned into the Royal Scots Greys, Cayzer served in Palestine and the Western Desert as a major — but was invalided home with ear trouble just before his own tank was blown up and his successor killed.

Rejoining the Clan Line, Cayzer worked in Glasgow and Liverpool before moving to the company's London headquarters in 1950. He succeeded his father to the title in 1958 and not long afterwards became deputy chairman of the British and Commonwealth Shipping Company — formed by a merger of the Clan Line with Union Castle.

The Cayzers (mainly Rotherwicks, his younger brother and a cousin) had an enviable gift for keeping

ahead of the market. Selling off ships as demand for sea travel declined they diversified into other more profitable fields, including aviation, hotels and finance. Displaying a similar prescience, they got out of British and Commonwealth Shipping before the group got into difficulties, selling their shares just before the 1987 stock market crash. But they continued to run their own holding company Calcedonian Investments until six years ago when all three retired in favour of the younger generation.

Lord Rotherwick owned racehorses as a hobby, including the Irish Derby among his victories. But he sold out about five years ago, disappointed by his failure to win an English classic and disillusioned by the cut-throat professionalism which, he complained, was turning the sport into a business. Instead he concentrated his attentions on his Elm Cornbury Park, whose 6,000 acres he had bought in 1967 after selling his other estates. Queen Elizabeth II's favourite the Earl of Leicester had died there in 1888 (the bed in which he died is still there) while King Charles II and the Earl of Clarendon had been among its previous owners.

Lord Rotherwick was a shy, well-read man with old-fashioned values and who was capable of great charm, though he could not see why the public should be allowed to roam through the woods which he paid to maintain. An active local Conservative he had once been turned down as a parliamentary candidate by Central Office.

His wife Sarah-Jane died after a stroke in 1978, aged 48, and he is survived by their three sons and one daughter. His eldest son succeeds him as the third baron.

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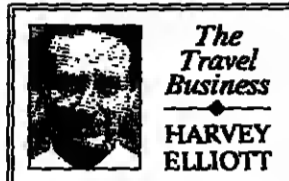
by being present when it was doubtful whether there would be any play for them to see. Then the rain relented. At 3.30 the King, who had withdrawn, returned to the Royal Box. He struck three blows on a gong — the ground was open. At once the referees pulled back the tarpaulin — and very neatly they did it — and the new Centre Court was revealed. To the eye it looked as smooth as if the green had been poured on molten, and however it may play in the later stages, yesterday in appearance it was own brother to the old centre Court, and a big brother too.

Bad PR adds to fear of flying

The worried reactions of passengers on being told that their aircraft had developed a number of technical faults proves yet again just how scared people are of flying.

Irrational though their fears may have been, within the past week three groups of British holidaymakers refused to get on board jets which they had been assured, were serviceable.

Passengers on Excalibur Airways demanded that the airline charter another jet to take them to Florida after becoming convinced that the original DC10 was "jinxed" and the resulting publicity was so bad that last night the airline was forced into liquidation. A group of Virgin



The Travel Business HARVEY ELLIOTT

Atlantic passengers were equally alarmed when they were delayed for more than 48 hours by a series of faults on their Boeing 747 jumbo jet at San Francisco.

Problems can become exaggerated with reports of a pilot having "slammed on the brakes" when, in fact, he abandoned a take-off perfectly safely; of jet fuel fumes apparently "choking" passengers; and of normal condensation drips proving that the fuselage was "leaking".

But they must be properly addressed — and above all they must never be allowed to persuade pilots to ignore technical problems, however minor, in an attempt to prevent a public relations difficulty.

As the summer peak holiday season gets under way mechanical failures are inevitable, especially as charter airlines are using their jets to the maximum. Fortunately pilots carry out intense pre-flight checks and do not take risks with safety.

That means that it is sometimes necessary for aircraft to be delayed so that engineers can investigate the cause of a pilot's unease or for a part to be replaced.

Generally the bigger the airline the more able it will be to minimise any such delays by juggling its fleet and crews to provide replacements, or by leasing a spare aircraft.

Small airlines rarely have such spare capacity. Often their entire fleet is dispersed over thousands of miles. But this does not mean they are intrinsically any less safe or more prone to mechanical defects than their bigger rivals. Their fleets are maintained by the same engineers in the same hangars as the bigger airlines. And they are all watched over by inspectors from the Civil Aviation Authority.

The real potential for trouble comes when marketing men try to avoid having to explain to angry passengers why they are being delayed.

Ideally, perhaps, there should always be a spare aircraft ready to operate services which might have run into technical difficulties. But economically that is unrealistic. Instead passengers must try to be patient.

When travelling by air it must surely be a better thing to arrive than to travel hopefully.

Holiday bookings start to pick up

BY STEVE KEENAN

HOLIDAY sales in May outstripped last year's month on month figures for the first time this season as families have now started booking for the summer. Chris Rees, commercial manager for Thomas Cook, said: "Families are leaving it later to book this year's holiday."

More than 784,500 package holidays were sold in May, compared to 746,270 in the same month last year, according to industry research analysts. But overall the market is still 10 per cent down year on year.

Of the 8.5 million package holidays on sale for this summer, 5.9 million had been sold by the end of May. Peak-season holidays are now largely selling at brochure prices, with cheap deals available mainly for June or early July.

The best of the few bargains expected for school holidays will be to the Greek Islands, Cyprus and France, where

sales are still running below 1995 levels, despite fewer holidays being available.

Cuts of 1.5 million packages were made earlier this year by tour operators, but most of them were to Spain and its islands, where demand is now running in line with capacity.

Mr Rees said: "After the sluggish start to the season, there has been a steady increase in bookings since Easter. If it continues, we would expect Spain to finish on a par with last summer."

The new maturity among tour operators and the resurgence in appeal of Mediterranean package holidays this year has encouraged Thomas Cook to re-enter the market after an absence of six years.

The company will announce next week that it has bought package holiday specialist Sunworld, Britain's fifth biggest tour operator, which it will operate alongside its own long-haul brochures.

TOUR SELLERS FOR SUMMER

	Sales to date	Compared with 1995 (% to end May)
1 Balearic Islands	1,125,000	-15
2 Maldives/Spain	825,500	-11
3 Greek Islands	643,500	-25
4 Canary Islands	532,000	-17
5 Turkey	465,000	+3
6 Florida	324,000	+21
7 Italy	282,500	+8
8 France	236,000	-25
9 Portugal	233,500	-18
10 Cyprus	219,000	-25

Package holidays. Source: Stats MIP

Haiti returns to the package business

BY TONY DAWE

HAITI, the country associated for so long with "Papa Doc" Duvalier and his feared Tonton Macoutes, is back on the tourism map.

Within four months of being democratically elected as head of state, President René Préval has met officials of the Caribbean tourism and hotel organisations and a tourism master plan has been drawn up.

Large hotels in and around Port-au-Prince, the capital, are fit and ready to take visitors, having been kept in business by UN officials and aid workers in recent months. Smaller hotels and a Club Méditerranée are gearing up, and American Airlines is keen to help to enlarge facilities at the main airport.

"The meetings with President Préval were among the most productive conferences we have ever had with government officials," John Bell, vice-president of the Caribbean Hotels Association, said. "It is also encouraging to see Haiti's public and private tourism sectors working together on the implementation of the tourism plan."

Michael Youngman, the marketing director of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation, said: "We have started carrying information about Haiti again in literature dis-

tributed to the travel trade and consumers. We are including the country in our seminars and educational presentations and our public relations programme on both sides of the Atlantic will include Haiti. We are bringing the country out into the light again."

The country attracted more than 200,000 tourists, mostly from the United States, ten years ago, but the numbers have fallen dramatically during the years of troubles while the Dominican Republic, separated from Haiti by a mountain range, has boomed. Haiti has the largest inventory of hotel rooms in the Caribbean and offers mostly beach and resort holidays to package tourists from North America, Germany, Italy and, increasingly, Britain.

The Caribbean tourist board is concentrating on showing off Haiti's culture, history and arts and crafts. "Even from a geographical point of view, it is unique," Mr Youngman said. "If you head north from Port-au-Prince by road, you pass through villages reminiscent of West Africa and then across a plain where the water buffaloes and rice paddies remind you of Asia, while the mountains in the north have an Andean charm."



Now that flights have resumed to Croatia, Dubrovnik, one of Europe's most handsome cities, hopes to win back the tourists

Croatia back on the tourist map

BY MARTIN SYMINGTON

CROATIA'S struggling tourist industry has received an important fillip from the London-based European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). A loan of more than £20 million will help finance the upgrading of hotels, marinas, camp sites and other facilities.

Mare Magall of the EBRD explained: "Though direct war damage was limited, the use of hotels to house refugees has left these facilities in desperate need of repair. The loan signals to the international markets that Croatian tourism is open for business."

With charter flights from UK airports now serving Pula, Split and Dubrovnik,

10,000 British holidaymakers are expected to visit Croatia on inclusive package holidays this year, according to Jose Lozic of the Croatia National Tourist Office in London. However, the road back to the pre-war days when up to half a million Britons a year basked on Yugoslav beaches, the great majority in present-day Croatia, looks a long one.

Mr Lozic said "Croatia desperately needs investment after four years of total stagnation. Tourism is crucially important to the country, so this loan is very welcome, although we hope it will be

expanded. The problem is that negative perceptions linger, and the return of the British is proving to be slow."

The majority of holidaymakers in Croatia are Germans, Austrians and Italians who drive to resorts such as Porec in the north of the country. Further south, the historic city of Dubrovnik is far more dependent on the air charters, and hence the British market.

Specialist operator Phoenix Holidays is the only UK company offering a full range of Croatian resorts, but unconfirmed reports in the travel trade suggest that leading operators are set to include Croatia in their 1997 brochures.

Themed marketing as Disney goes to town

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

EURO DISNEY is planning to develop a new town on the edge of its Disneyland Paris theme park resort which will contain houses and flats for at least 1,500 residents, a giant shopping mall, offices, a business park and a campus for the nearby university.

Disney has already started development work on the new town, to be called Val d'Europe, and is making presentations to business investors to finance the scheme. The projected cost of Val d'Europe, scheduled to open its first phase by 2000, is about five billion francs (£640 million) but because of its fragile

financial state, Euro Disney is expected to invest only about Fr100 million (£13 million).

Philippe Bourguignon, chairman of Euro Disney, says the new town "will be an important feature of the future development of the region and the success of the theme park resort in the next century."

Val d'Europe is similar in concept to the new town called Celebration which Disney is building close to its theme park in Florida. Celebration, on 5,000 acres of land, is eventually planned to have a population of 20,000 when the final phases are completed in 2016. It has been criticised, however, for adopting too strict criteria for potential residents, who will have to conform to the Disney image.

Euro Disney is not saying at present whether or not its residents at Val d'Europe will have to adhere to certain standards before being allowed to buy or rent property. Its investment literature talks only of creating "a positive tension between the resort destination and the real town."

Meanwhile Euro Disney, which is now marketed under the name of Disneyland Paris, will launch its direct Eurostar train service from London

Waterloo to the heart of the theme park resort at Marne-La-Vallée this Saturday. There will be a daily train service until September 29 priced at £139 return a person, including one night's accommodation and a pass to the theme park. Details: 0990 030303.

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FERRIES

BRITANNY Ferries this week launched three-day "value plus" crossings to France from £45 for a car and up to five people.

P&O European Ferries has mini-cruise fares on its Portsmouth-Bilbao route throughout the year from £59 per person.

STENA Line is selling peak return crossings on the Dover-Calais route for £98 aboard its Stena Cumbria ship only.

SEA France is offering a free five-day crossing (for use after October 1) to customers who book and pay for a standard or five-day crossing by July 11.

HOVERSPEED has £69 standard return (£49 for five-day crossings) for travel on Dover-Calais or Folkestone-Boulogne by July 17.

HOLIDAYS

A TURKISH adventure trip leaving on Monday for Istanbul, remote villages, historic sites, caves and snorkelling is available for £800 per person including return flights and bed and breakfast accommodation from Explore Worldwide.

A LONG weekend in Moscow to see the famous Schliemann Treasures from Troy, and the chance to join other excursions, is available from September 19 to 22 from Abercrombie & Kent.

AMERICAN Express Travel Service is offering three-night weekend breaks for the price of two to Madrid from July 1 to 14.

FAR EAST bargains are on offer from Monday for four months from Jetabout to mark the new Qantas one-stop service to the region from Manchester.

DISCOUNTS of 10 per cent on all holidays to Morocco until the end of September.

THE GAMBIA for £299 per person for a fortnight with a flight from Manchester on July 4 is available from Page & Moy.

CRETE for £189 per person for a fortnight from July 4 with room-only accommodation is available from Lunn Poly with a flight from Stansted.

MEDITERRANEAN Shipping Cruises are being offered at two for the price of one by Ember Travel.

EARTHWATCH is making awards of up to £250 to anyone willing to spend up to two weeks on its scientific field research projects this summer.



A long weekend in Moscow will cost £698 including flights

HOTELS

THE Stafford Hotel in central London reopened this week after a major refurbishment. The hotel has a reopening rate of £163 plus VAT per room until September 7.

THE Small Luxury Hotels of the World consortium, with 207 hotels in more than 40 countries, is selling gift vouchers in multiples of £50 for personal or incentive gifts.

STAPLEFORD Park, the Leicestershire-based country house hotel, has an "alternative Olympics" rate from July 1 until September 1 of £72.50 per person instead of the normal rate of £125.

THREE nights for the price of two is on offer during August for any nights, excluding Saturdays, at Bath's Royal Crescent Hotel.

THE four-star Carlton President hotel near the Dutch town of Utrecht has a summer rate for July and August of

£39.50 per person for two nights. Price includes buffet breakfast and a canal trip around Amsterdam.

SPANISH hotel group Sol Melia is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the birth of painter Francisco de Goya with a special rate at six of its hotels in Madrid and Zaragoza.

SAVINGS of 20 per cent off usual prices at selected UK hotels are on offer from Superbreak Mini-Holidays.

CONFERENCE delegate overnight rates at the two Copthorne hotels at Gatwick are being cut from July 15 to August 31 from £138 to £98.

BREAKFAST and dinner is included in the price of £45 per person per night, minimum two nights, at Nutfield Priory at Redhill in Surrey.

FLIGHTS

BRITISH Airways' latest series of world offers covers peak-season flights in July and/or August.

CITYJET has half-price companion excursions between London's City Airport and Dublin.

UNTIL September 10, Continental is offering two business-class flights for the price of one.

SUCKLING will launch a twice-daily Norwich to Paris service on July 1. Fares start at £120.

AIR UK launches a daily non-stop Belfast to Amsterdam service on July 15 with an introductory fare of £129.

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AMERICAN FLIGHTSAVERS advertisement featuring a table of flight prices to various destinations like New York, London, and Paris.

ANNUAL TRAVEL INSURANCE FROM £46 advertisement with details on coverage and contact information.

BARGAINS OF THE DAY advertisement for Malaga, Faro, Vienna, and Athens.

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STA TRAVEL advertisement with the slogan 'far out!' and a list of destinations.

CANADA advertisement for low cost flights to Toronto and Vancouver.

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FLYDRIVES ORLANDO advertisement for flights to Orlando from July to September.

WORLDWIDE DISCOUNT FLIGHTS advertisement for flights to various international destinations.

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UNITED AIR TRAVEL advertisement for flights to various destinations.

CANADA advertisement for low cost flights to Toronto and Vancouver.

Charter advertisement for flights to various destinations.

AIRWAYS TRAVEL LTD advertisement for flights to various cities.

JUST THE TICKET advertisement for flights to various destinations.

MAJOR USA & CANADIAN SPECIALISTS advertisement for flights to the USA and Canada.

MAJOR EUROPE advertisement for flights to various European cities.

Charter advertisement for flights to various destinations.

AIRWAYS TRAVEL LTD advertisement for flights to various cities.

JETLINE advertisement for flights to various destinations.

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NEWS

Tory support hits three-year peak

England's Euro 96 victory over Spain last Saturday was followed by a sharp rise in support for the Conservatives to the highest level for more than three years, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times.

The poll, undertaken over last weekend, puts the Tories on 31 per cent, up four points on last month. Labour has slipped two points to 52 per cent.

All quiet on the West End front

England's rush-hour streets and railway stations emptied into pubs and living rooms last night as an estimated 20 million viewers gathered in front of their televisions to watch the Euro 96 semi-final. By 7.30pm, a relative calm descended on the main thoroughfares of London, punctuated by shouts and cheers from pubs packed with workers.

Journalist killed

An Irish woman journalist investigating drug barons was killed in a gangland-style execution. Veronica Guerin, 33, was an award-winning reporter.

£1.75m reward

Saudi Arabia offered an unprecedented reward of £1.75 million for information leading to the capture of terrorists responsible for the lorry bomb.

Labour shift

In a dramatic shift in Labour's current policy on devolution, the party will pledge today to let the people decide if they want a Scottish Parliament and if it should have tax-raising powers.

Portillo's dilemma

Michael Portillo was facing one of his toughest challenges since becoming Defence Secretary as he tried to persuade sceptical Tory backbenchers to support his plan to sell off 60,000 service married quarters.

Family's outrage

The family of a rookie police officer whose career was cut short by a Jamaican gunman, was outraged that his killer was found not guilty of murder.

Tube strike

London commuters face disruption today as striking Underground train drivers threaten to stand the Tube network to a standstill.

French dig up old bones in beef war

The French press has uncovered a report by Victor Hugo, the 19th-century author, describing how Britain used human and animal remains from Napoleonic battlefields to nourish its cattle. Le Canard Enchaîné declared: "If English cattle have turned mad, the cause is historical: the cows were nourished on flour made from old soldiers and warhorses."

Poorer cousin

A survey of trends in the expanded Europe of 15 states shows most of Britain is poorer than the rest of the European Union. Only the South-East and East Anglia are better off.

Doctors' fears

The BMA issued a warning that records of patients stored on a NHS computer network could be obtained by insurance companies and employers because security is so lax.

Veterans' claim

After a 16-year campaign, 14,000 POWs who claim they lost pay during the Second World War have won a fresh review of their cases. They believe they are owed as much as £90 million.

Arab anger

Warren Christopher was the target of Arab scorn when he arrived in Cairo having failed to secure any major concessions from Israel's new leader.

Honest Lebed

Unlike many Russian generals who have made a fortune, General Aleksandr Lebed, Russia's new security chief, is seen as an honest man.

US official quits

Hearings into "Filegate" opened with a flourish in Capitol Hill when the White House official most responsible announced his resignation.



The Prince of Wales stands on the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland while the Royal Yacht Britannia lies off shore. Report, page 3

SPORTS

Charges: Insider dealing charges have been brought against the former director of strategy at Eastern Group, the largest regional electricity company.

Petrol: The Office of Fair Trading has turned down pleas from independent petrol retailers for an investigation into Esso's "Price-watch" campaign.

Floating: British Energy, the nuclear power generator, could be priced as cheaply as £1.26 billion when it floats off on the stock market.

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 16.0 points to close at 3695.5. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 86.0 to 85.9 after a rise from \$1.5408 to \$1.5426 but a fall from DM2.3600 to DM2.3579.

Football: Miroslav Kadlec scored the penalty which gave the Czech Republic a 6-5 victory over France in the European championship after the match had ended 0-0 after extra-time.

Tennis: Monica Seles, the No 2 seed, became the latest leading player to make an early exit from Wimbledon when she was beaten 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 by Katarina Srebnikova, of Slovakia, in the second round of the women's singles.

Cricket: Middlesex have cancelled the contract of Dion Nash, their overseas player, after a series of specialists failed to identify the cause of a back injury. He will return to New Zealand for prolonged rest.

ARTS

Screen passion: New films include the latest from the British director Philip Ridley, a bizarre fantasy called The Passion of Darkly Noon; and Jon Bon Jovi in Moonlight and Valentino.

Epic staging: A production of War and Peace has gone on stage at the National Theatre. "It lasts from 6.30pm to 11pm, but time passes in an enjoyable twinkle."

Authentic Smetana: The City of London Festival has opened with a "period instrument" performance of Smetana's orchestral cycle Ma vlast.

Bausch in Paris: Pina Bausch, the great German choreographer, appears in her latest work, premiered last week in Paris.

FEATURES

Eton's ousting: Was Anthony Chenevix-Trench fired as headmaster because he indulged in the cane and the bottle?

Fighting cancer: A Sixties model is inspiring other sufferers not to give in to terminal myeloma.

Dr Thomas Stutterford on the example set by Lord Denning, now 97, who has made his own home safe for frail limbs and intends to stay put.

Past greats: Peter Stothard on Caesar's attempt at European union; John Gummer on great people; Peter Ackroyd on Matthew Arnold; Jeanette Winterson admires Picasso's changing faces.

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES WHO'S NEXT Paul Sexton meets Roger Daltrey (left) as the Who prepare to stage Quadrophenia in Hyde Park.

EDUCATION Still time to go to university: a guide to vacancies this autumn.

Fear of flying: Passengers should not be too worried when they are held up by a fault in an aircraft, says Harvey Elliott.

His pact with the Basque Nationalists means that José María Aznar can now rely on the support of the principal nationalist groups in his investiture as Prime Minister. There could soon also be a stable alliance of the entire Centre-Right, a development without precedent in Spanish politics.

President of the Royal College of Surgeons on nurses taking up the scalpel.

Professor William Walsh, Professor of Commonwealth Literature, Leeds University; Veronica Guerin, journalist; Lord Rotherwick, shipping magnate; Norma Targovska, jazz pianist.

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,205

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 27 indicating starting positions for clues.

- ACROSS 1 Only part of an orchestra's ready (5). 4 Irritating translation of NT Epistle (9). 9 Referring to names on circular letter, by gum (9). 11 It's the thing that's fixed first (8,7). 12 Words used by Israeli ambassador encountering plot (6). 14 Left leg in wader (8). 17 Sauce for covering carcass (8). 19 Burn well (6). 22 Take to an appreciative audience very quickly (4,3,5). 24 Golf club's first lost near a place in India (5). 25 Could platonic arrangement with maiden be agreeable? (9).

Word search puzzle titled 'MUTABLE POTHEB' with a grid of letters and a list of words to find.

Solution to Puzzle No 20,204

FORECAST

General: England and Wales will be mostly dry. Cloud will later increase from the west with rain in Wales and southwestern counties by late evening. The air will feel fresher. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a dry start but cloud will thicken with rain in west by the afternoon and spreading to most other parts by late evening. Quite mild. London, S E England, E Anglia, Central S England: cloudy at first, becoming brighter, further cloud in evening. Wind light, mainly westerly. Warm. Max 22C (72F). E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, N W England, Lake District, Central N England, N E England: dry, bright or sunny intervals, becoming cloudy later. Wind light northwesterly, later southwesterly. Mild. Max 21C (70F). Channel Isles, S W England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man: bright intervals at first, turning cloudy with rain by late evening. Wind light becoming moderate, mainly south-

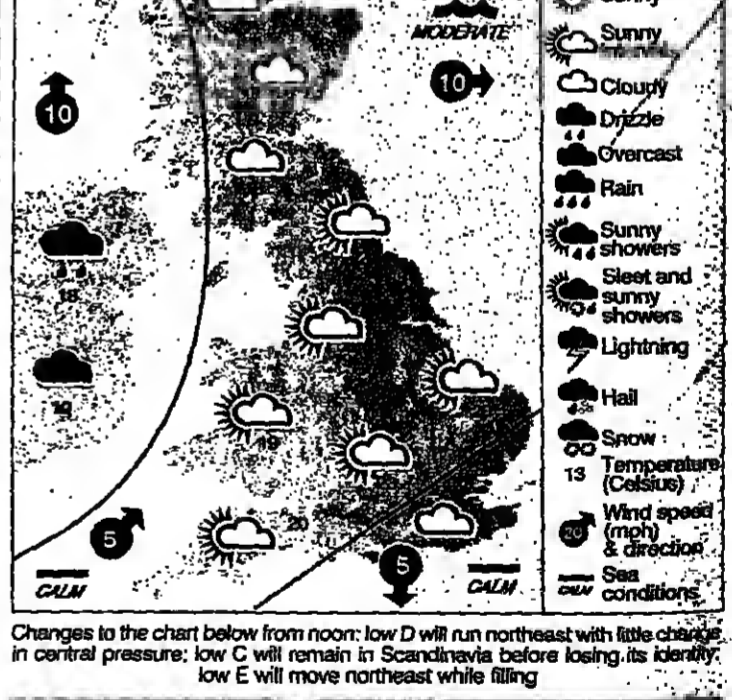
AROUND BRITAIN

Table showing weather forecasts for various regions in Britain, including Sun, Rain, Cloud, and Max/Min temperatures.

ABROAD

Table showing weather forecasts for various international locations, including Athens, Rome, Moscow, and others.

WEATHER



Changes to the chart below from noon: low D will run northeast with little change in central pressure; low C will remain in Scandinavia before losing its identity; low E will move northeast while filling.

Table showing high and low tide times for various locations in Britain.

HOURS OF DAYLIGHT

Table showing sunrise and sunset times for various locations in Britain.

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